

# **CUORE, CUPID and the Nature of Neutrino Mass**

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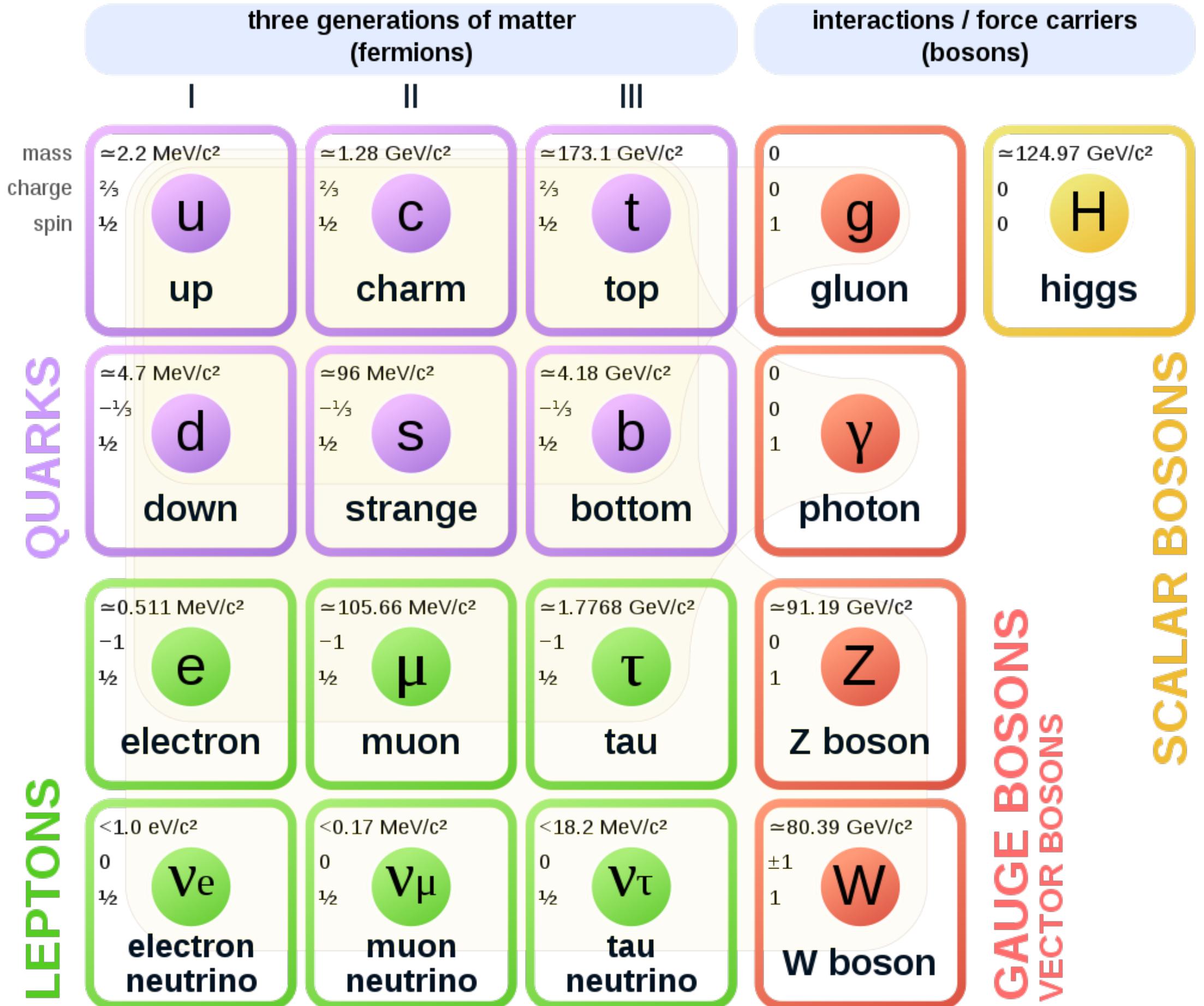
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# Neutrinos: What We Know

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles



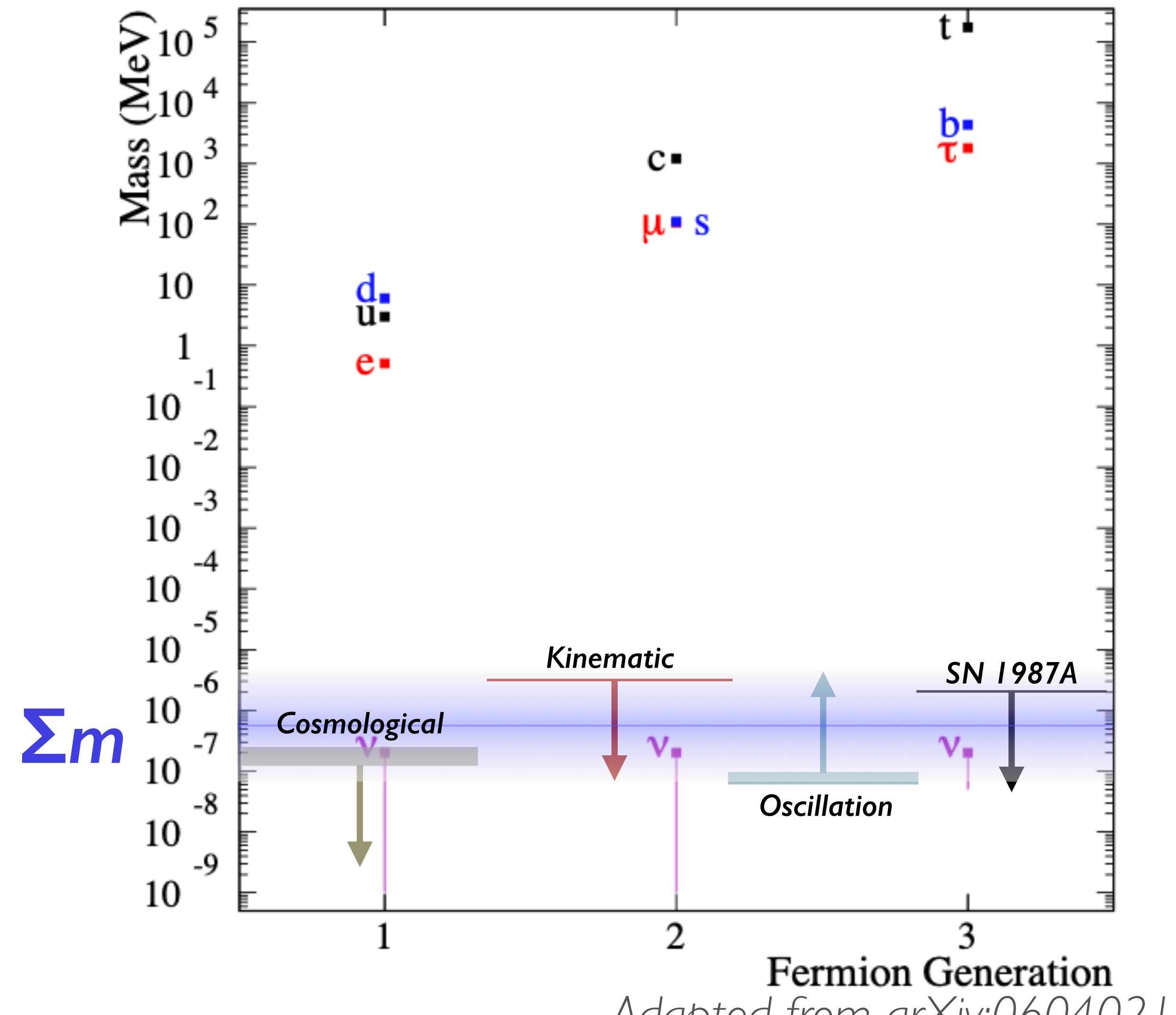
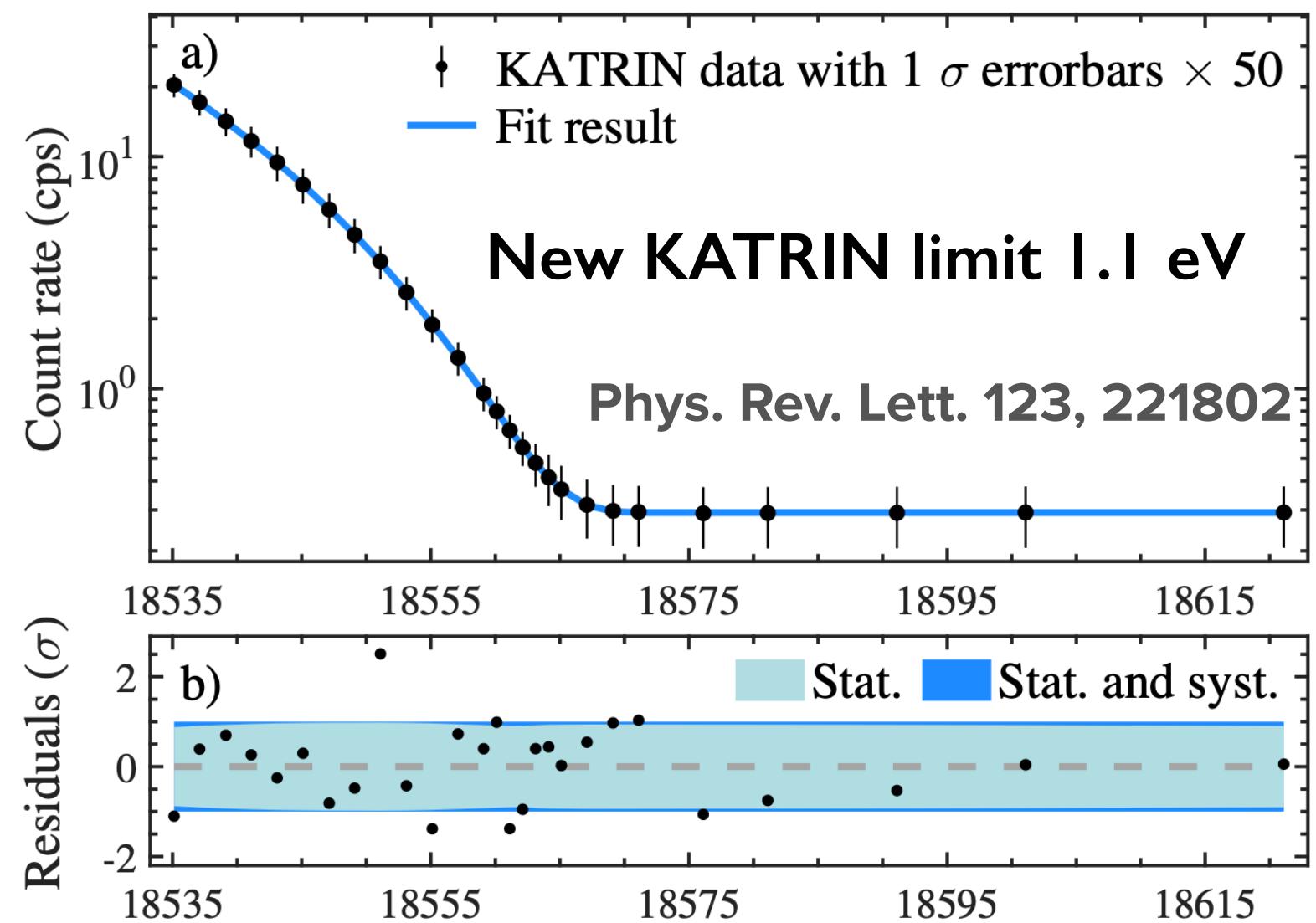
- Neutral fermions interacting via weak force
- Thought to be massless
- Oscillation experiments showed us that at least two of them are massive
- So far the absolute neutrino masses are not known

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# Neutrino Mass Measurements

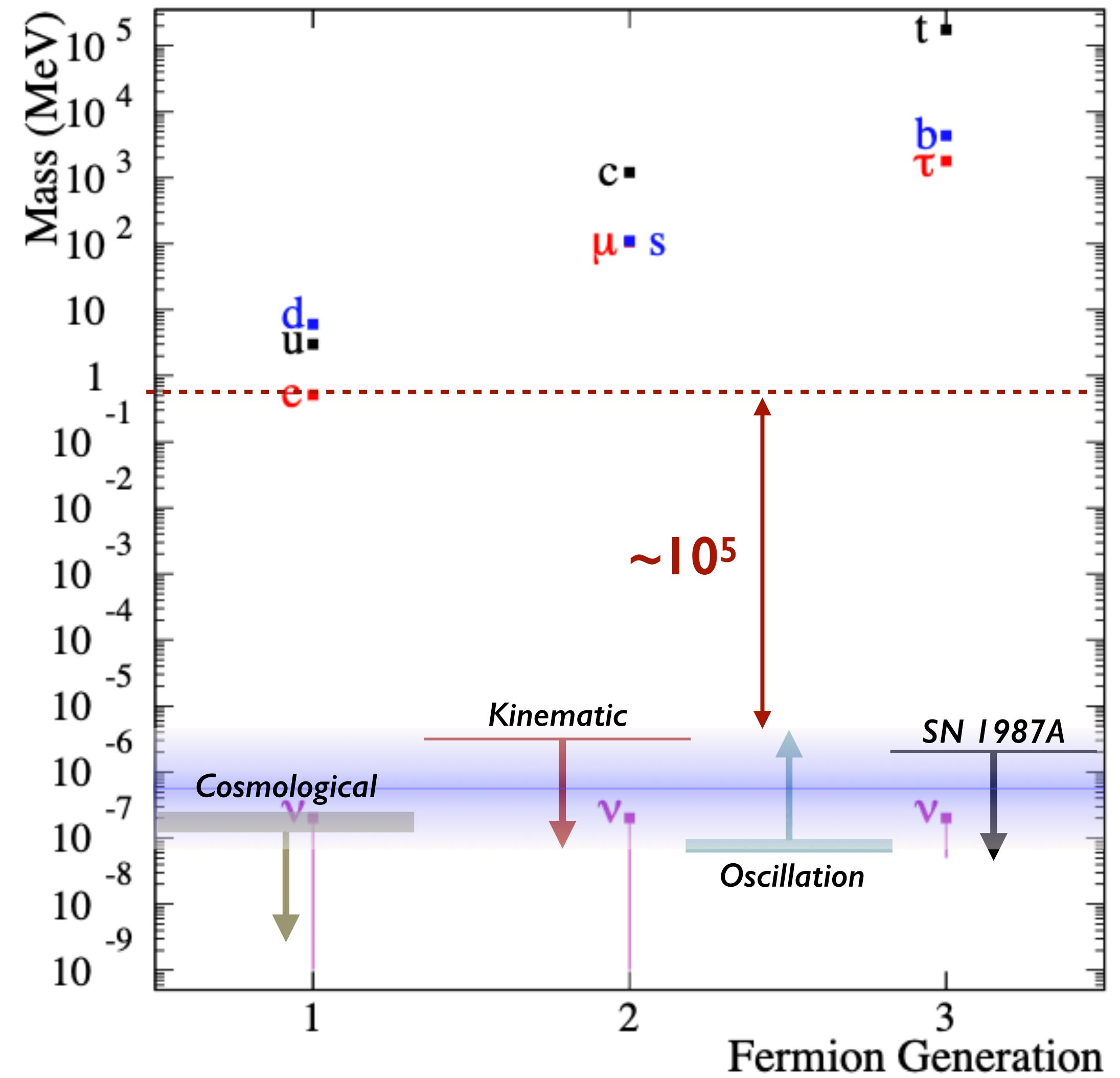
Mass measurement paradigms:

- Neutrino oscillations
- Cosmological
- Beta decay measurements
- Neutrinoless double beta decay



# Nature of Neutrino Mass

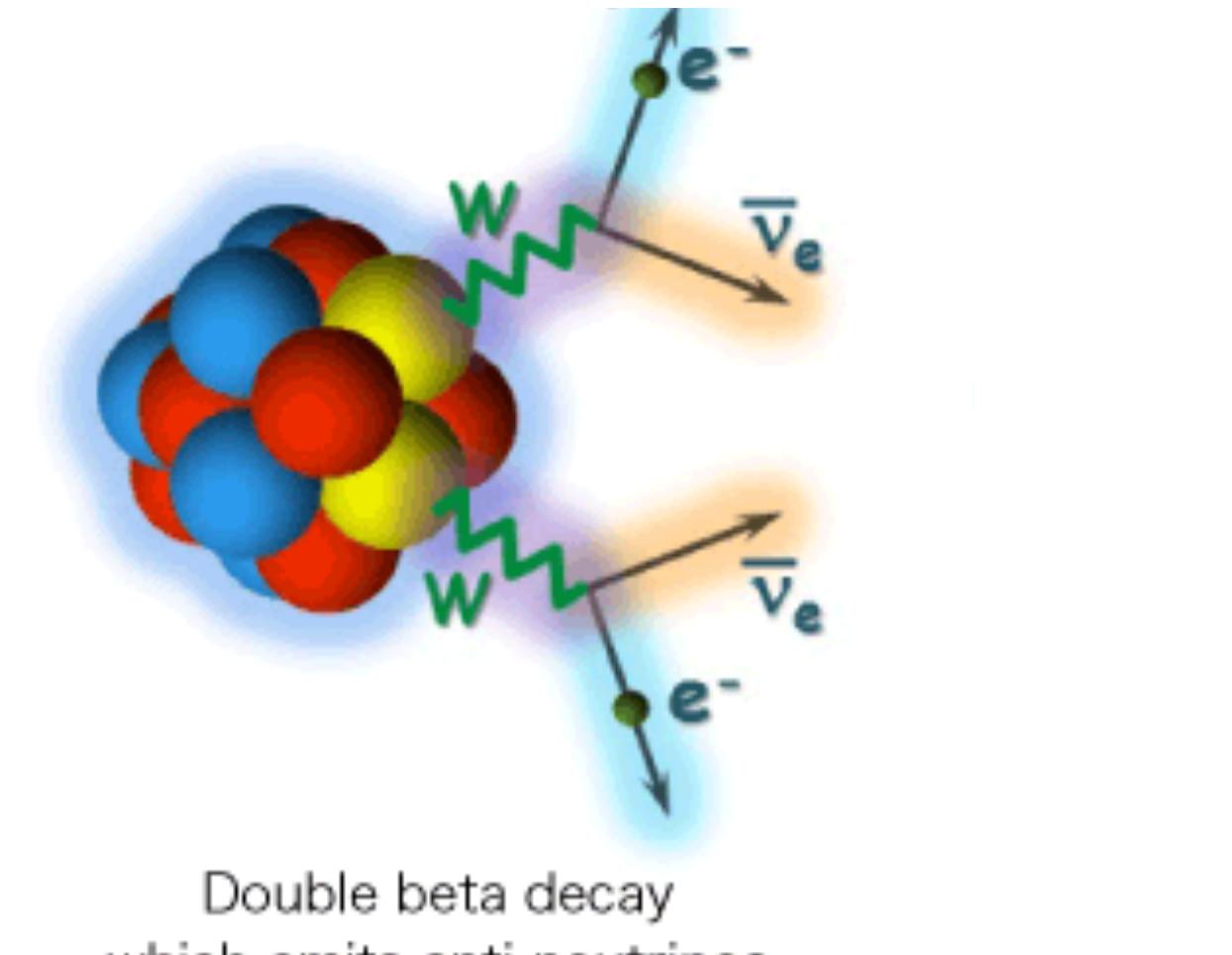
- Neutrino masses are at least 5 orders of magnitude smaller than other fundamental particles
- Nature of neutrino mass is unknown: Dirac vs Majorana
- The smallness of neutrino mass maybe tied to the Majorana nature of neutrino via See-saw mechanism
- Neutrinoless double beta decay experiments can help identify if neutrinos are Majorana type



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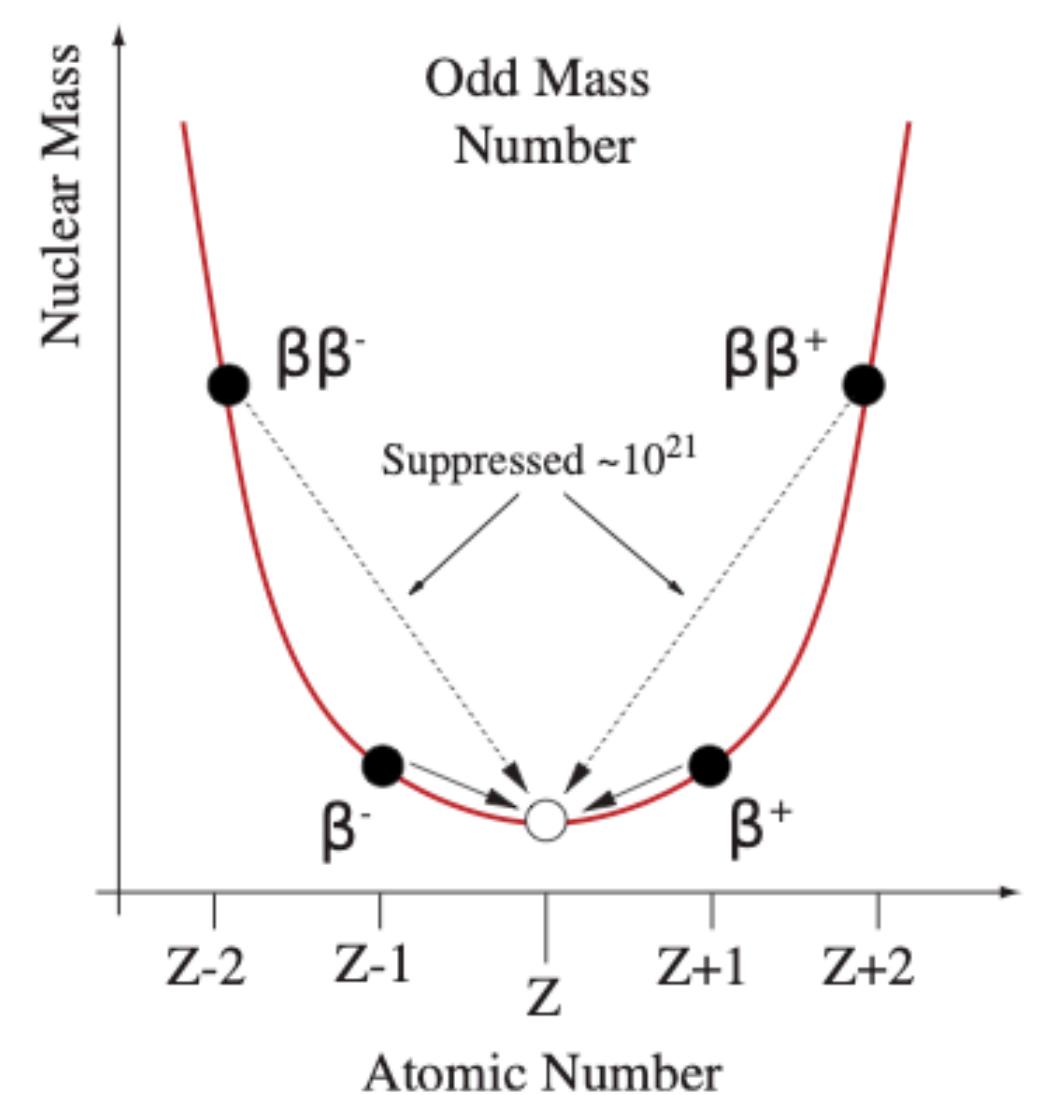
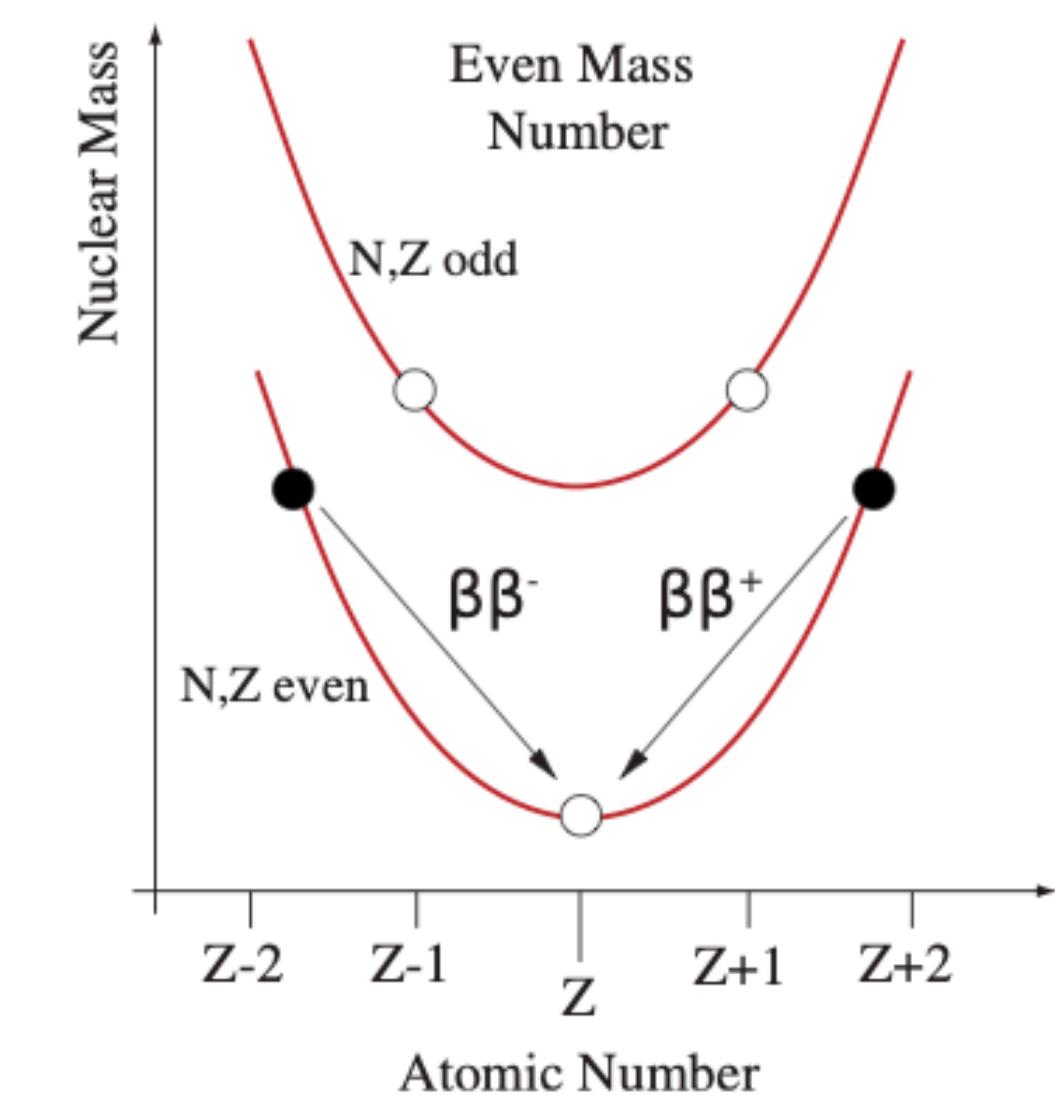
# Double Beta Decay

- Two neutrons simultaneously convert to protons
- A few even-even nuclei can undergo double beta decay ( $\nu\beta\beta$ ) when beta decay is energetically forbidden
- Half-life ( $\sim 10^{20}$  yrs)  $\gg$  age of universe
- 35 naturally occurring isotopes capable of  $\nu\beta\beta$
- Already measured for several isotopes



Double beta decay  
which emits anti-neutrinos

-Osaka university



# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ )

- Hypothesized nuclear process
- Implies:
  - $\nu$  has Majorana mass term
  - Lepton number violation
  - Hints to matter-antimatter asymmetry
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments measure half-life (or decay rate)
- Constrain the  $\nu$  mass and ordering

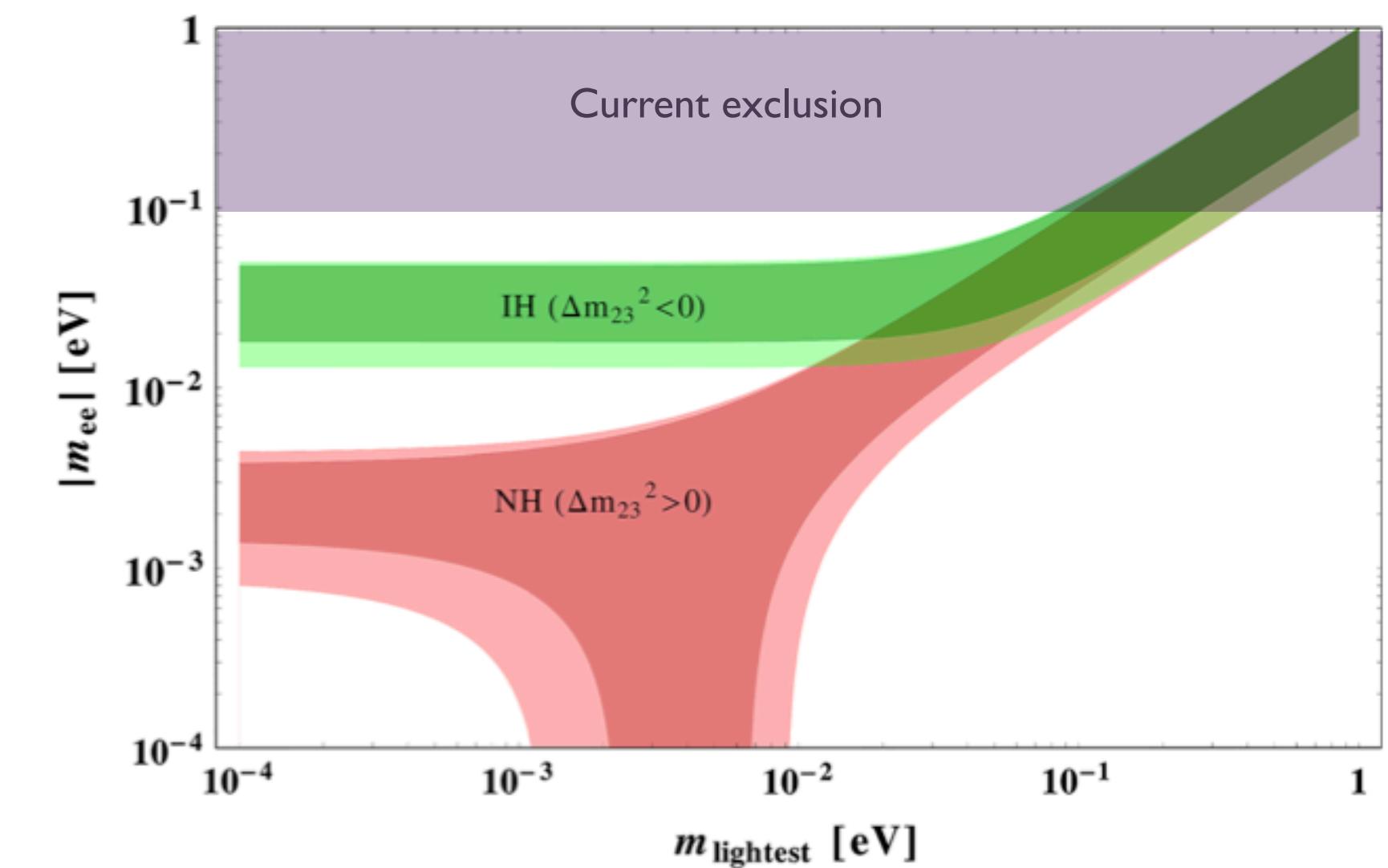
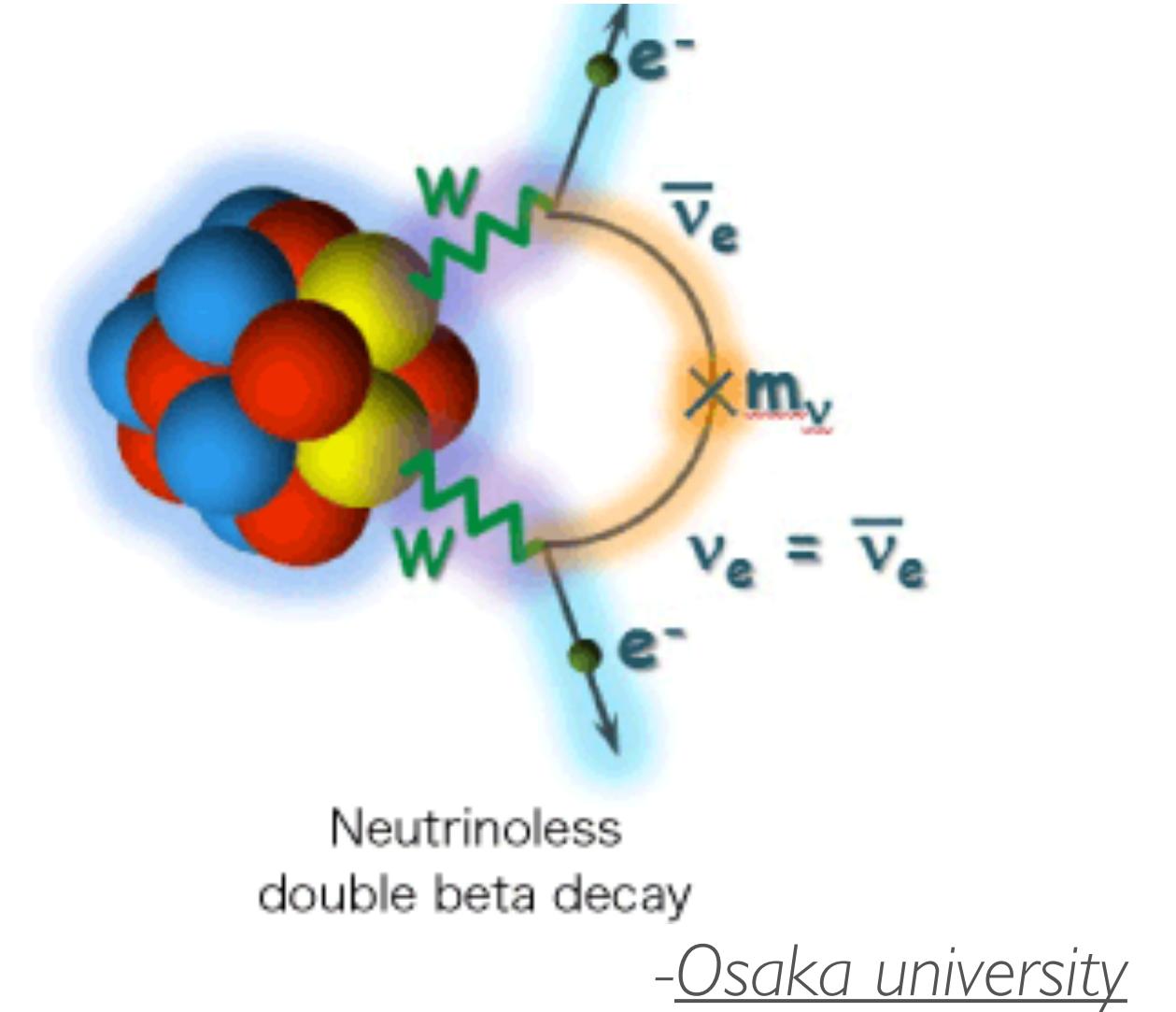
Nuclear Matrix elements

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto (G |\mathcal{M}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2)^{-1} \simeq 10^{27-28} \left( \frac{0.01 \text{ eV}}{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle} \right)^2 y$$

Phase space factor      Effective neutrino mass

$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left| \sum_j m_j U_{ej}^2 \right|$

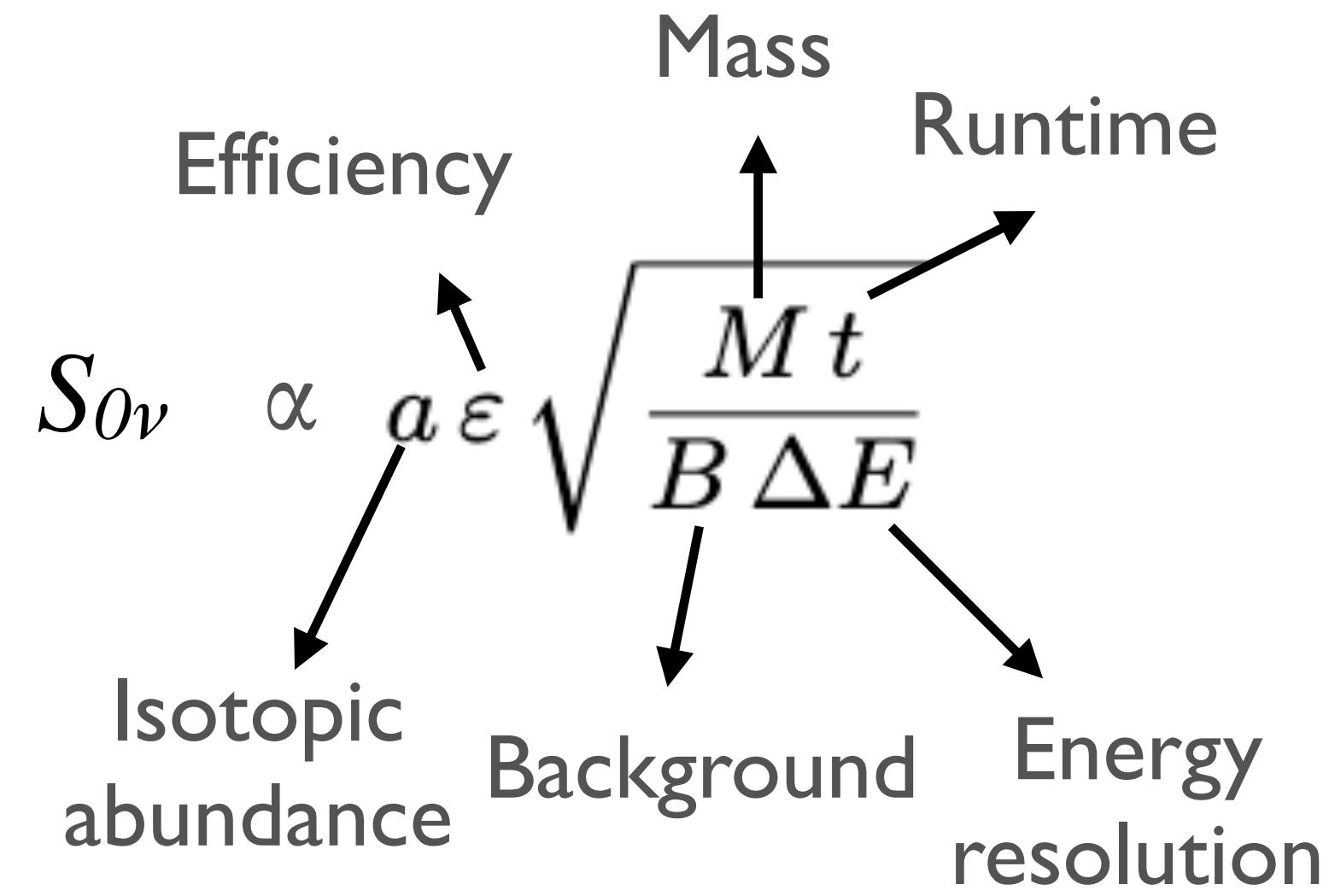
Important to observe  $0\nu\beta\beta$  in multiple isotopes



# Searching for $0\nu\beta\beta$

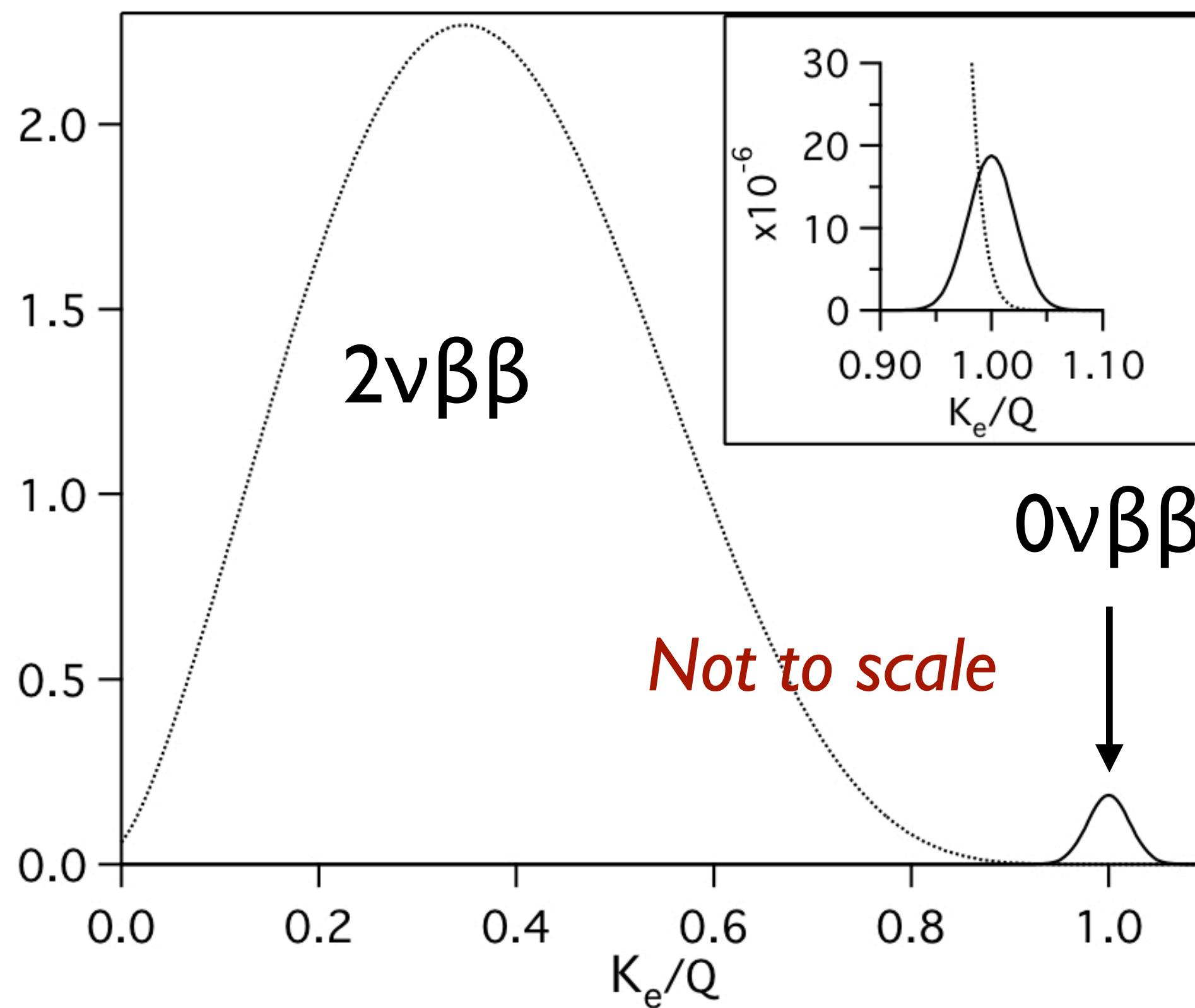
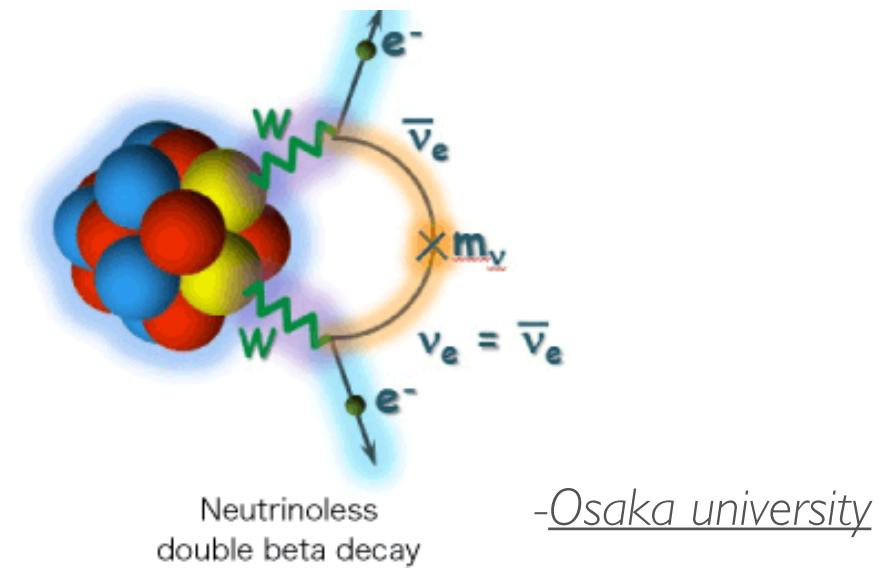
- Essentially a peak search at the Q value of the decay

Sensitivity in presence of BG:



Resolution and backgrounds play

important role in sensitivity





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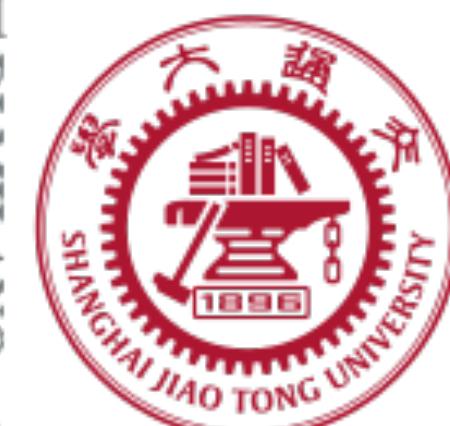


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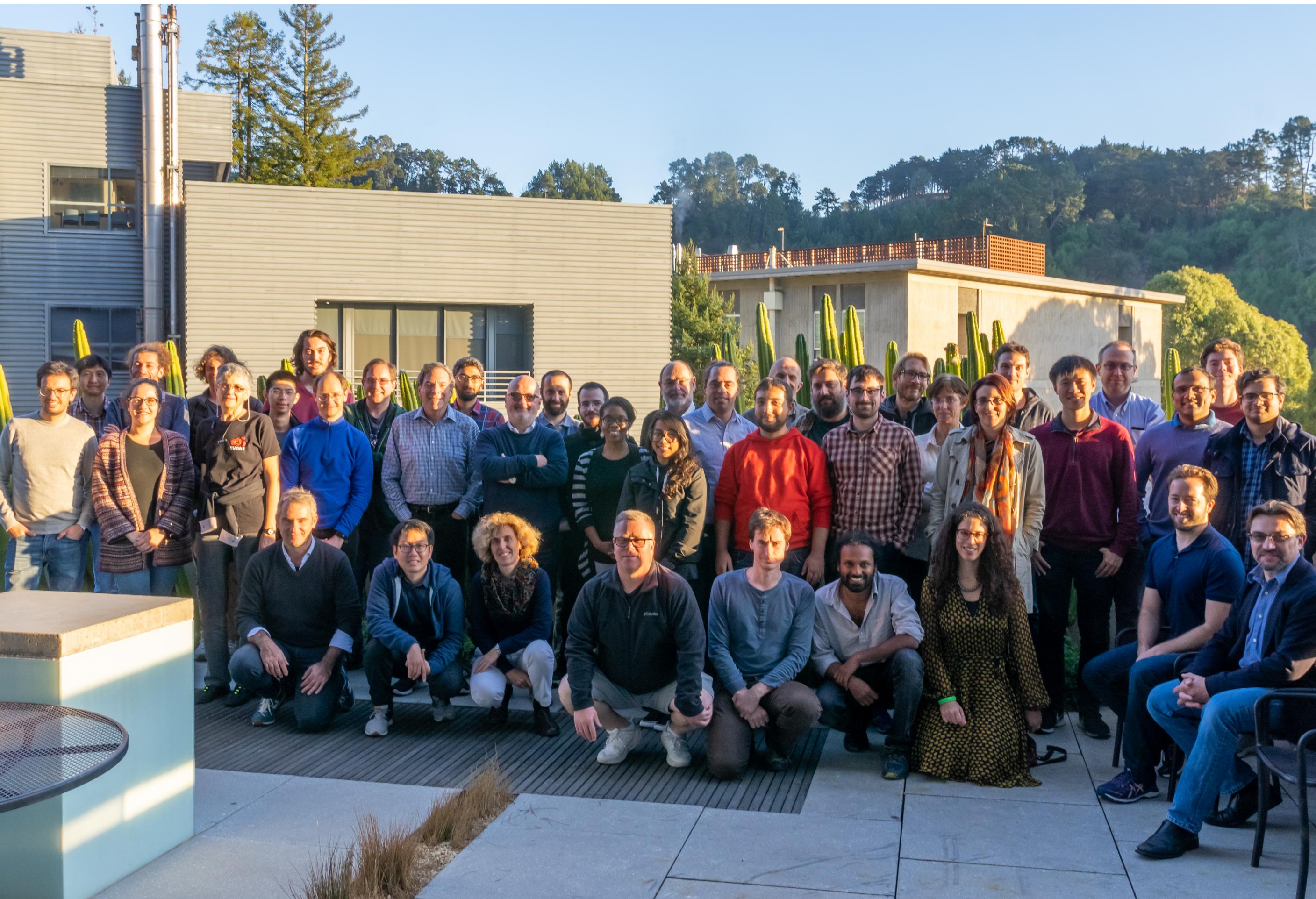
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# CUORE Experiment



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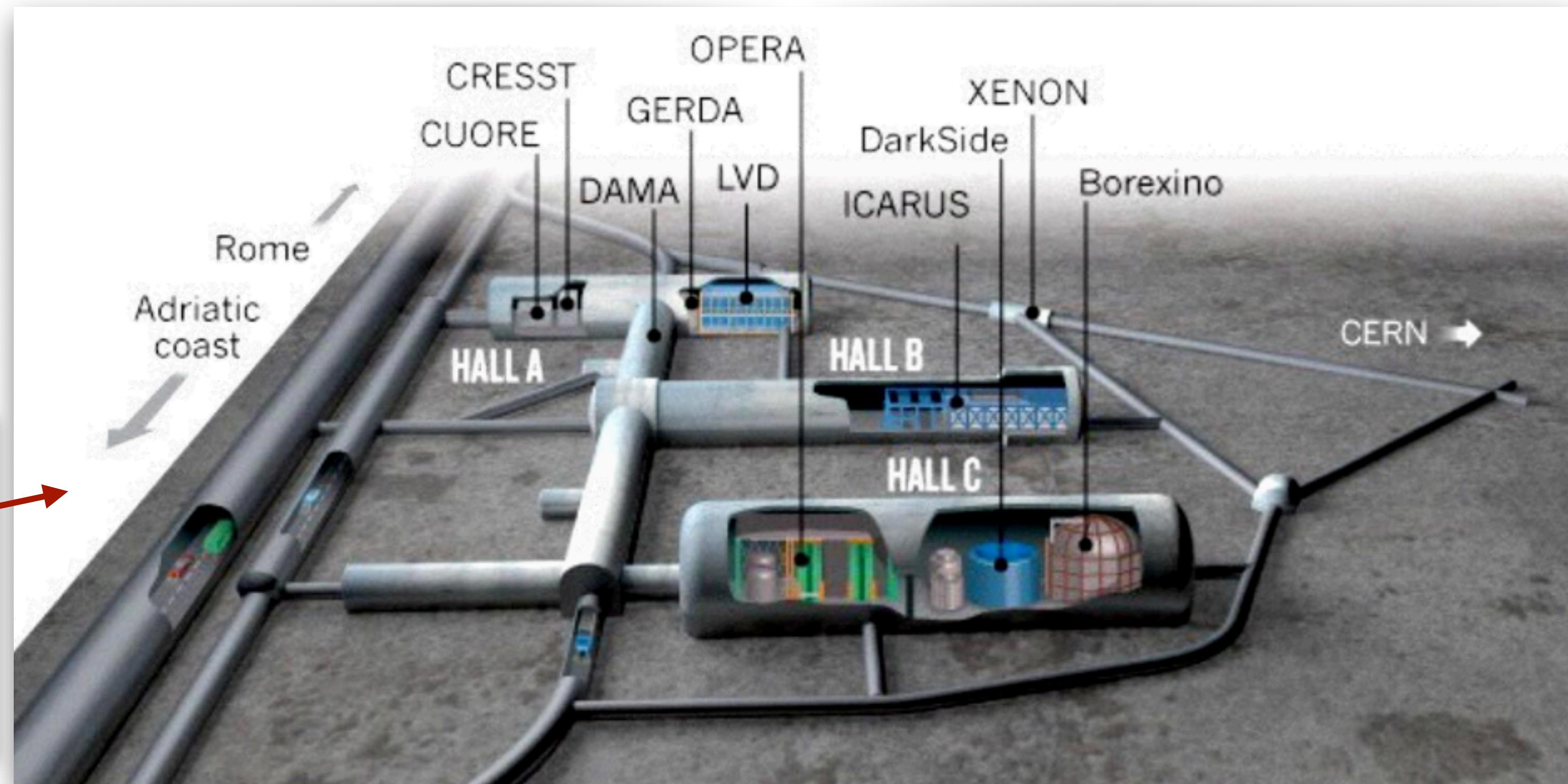
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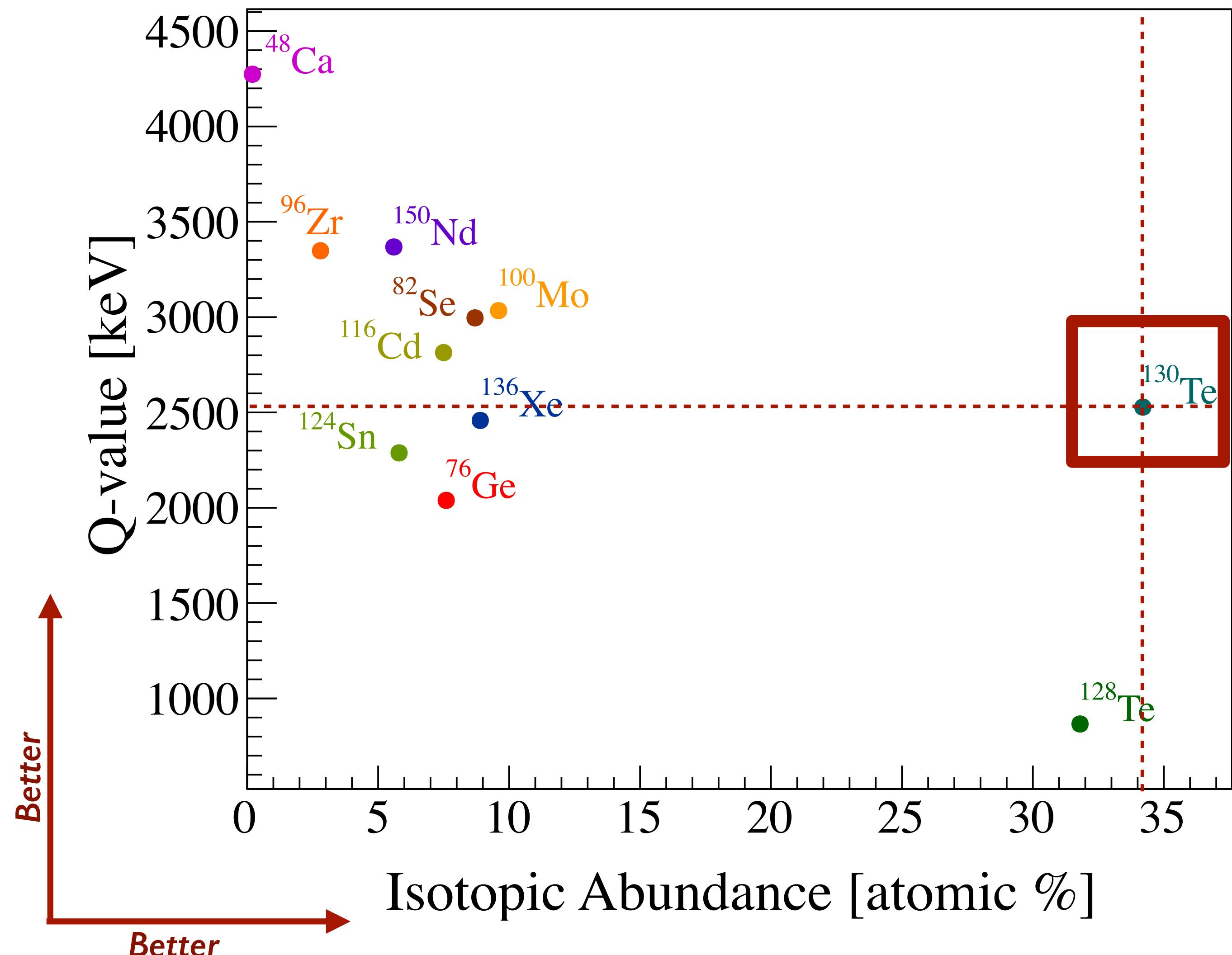
# LNGS: Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso

- Natural shielding from cosmic rays by a mountain of Gran Sasso
- 3600 meter water equivalent overburden



# Isotope of Choice: $^{130}\text{Te}$

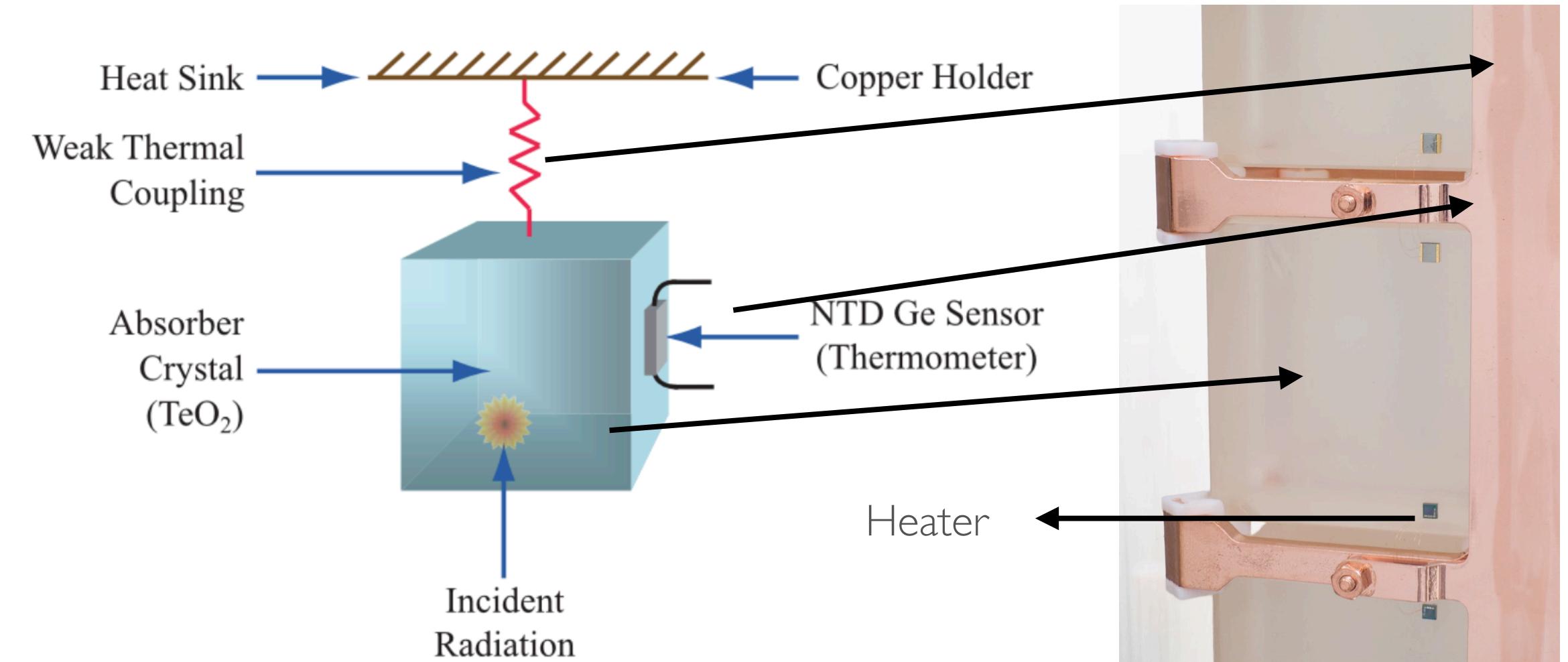
- 34 % natural isotopic abundance
- $Q_{\beta\beta}$  (2528 keV)
  - > most  $\gamma$  natural radioactivity
  - Background from  $2\nu\beta\beta \sim 1/Q^5$
- Isotope within the absorber
- Reproducible growth of high quality  $\text{TeO}_2$  crystals with low contamination



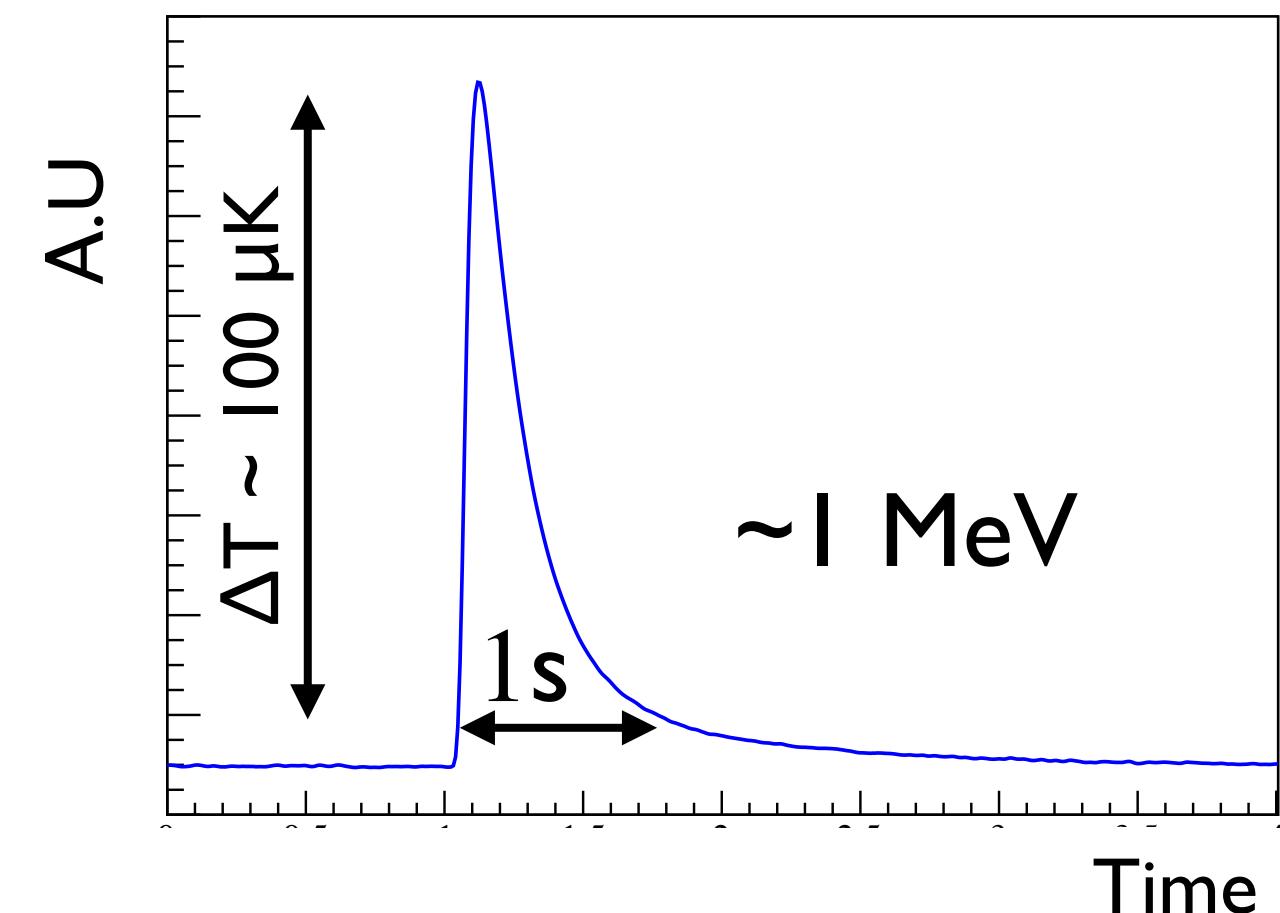
# Calorimetric Technique

Crystal temperature rises when energy is deposited

- Each crystal:
  - **Absorber:** 5x5x5 cm<sup>3</sup> TeO<sub>2</sub> crystal
  - **Operational temperature:** ~10 mK
  - **Thermal coupling:** PTFE holder
  - **Heater:** Gain calibration
  - **Sensor:** Ge neutron transmutation doped (NTD) thermistor



$$\Delta T \propto E/C(T)$$
$$C(T) \propto T^3$$

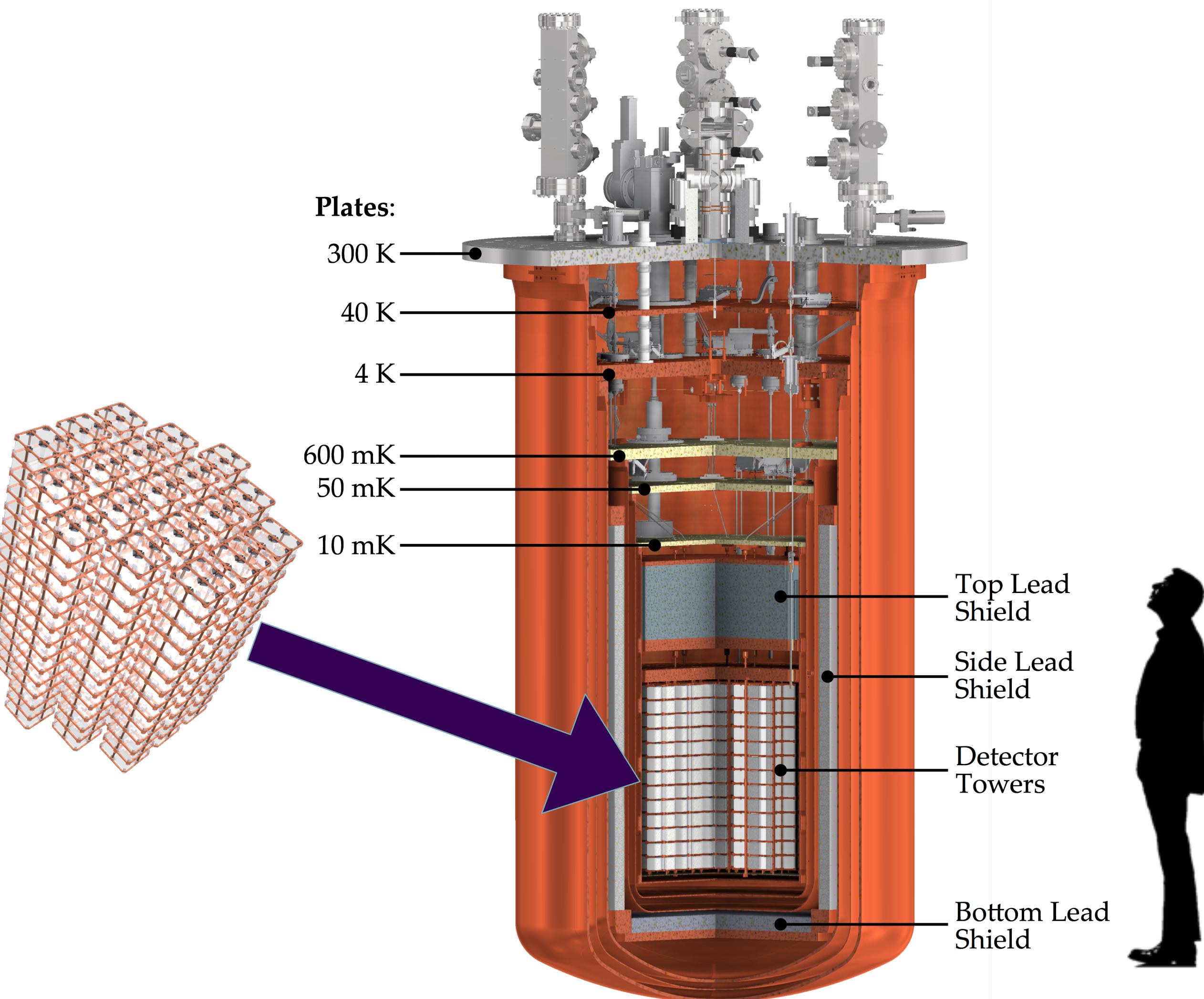


- Excellent energy resolution (~0.2% ΔE/E FWHM)
- Detector response independent of particle type
- Flexibility in 0νββ candidate choice

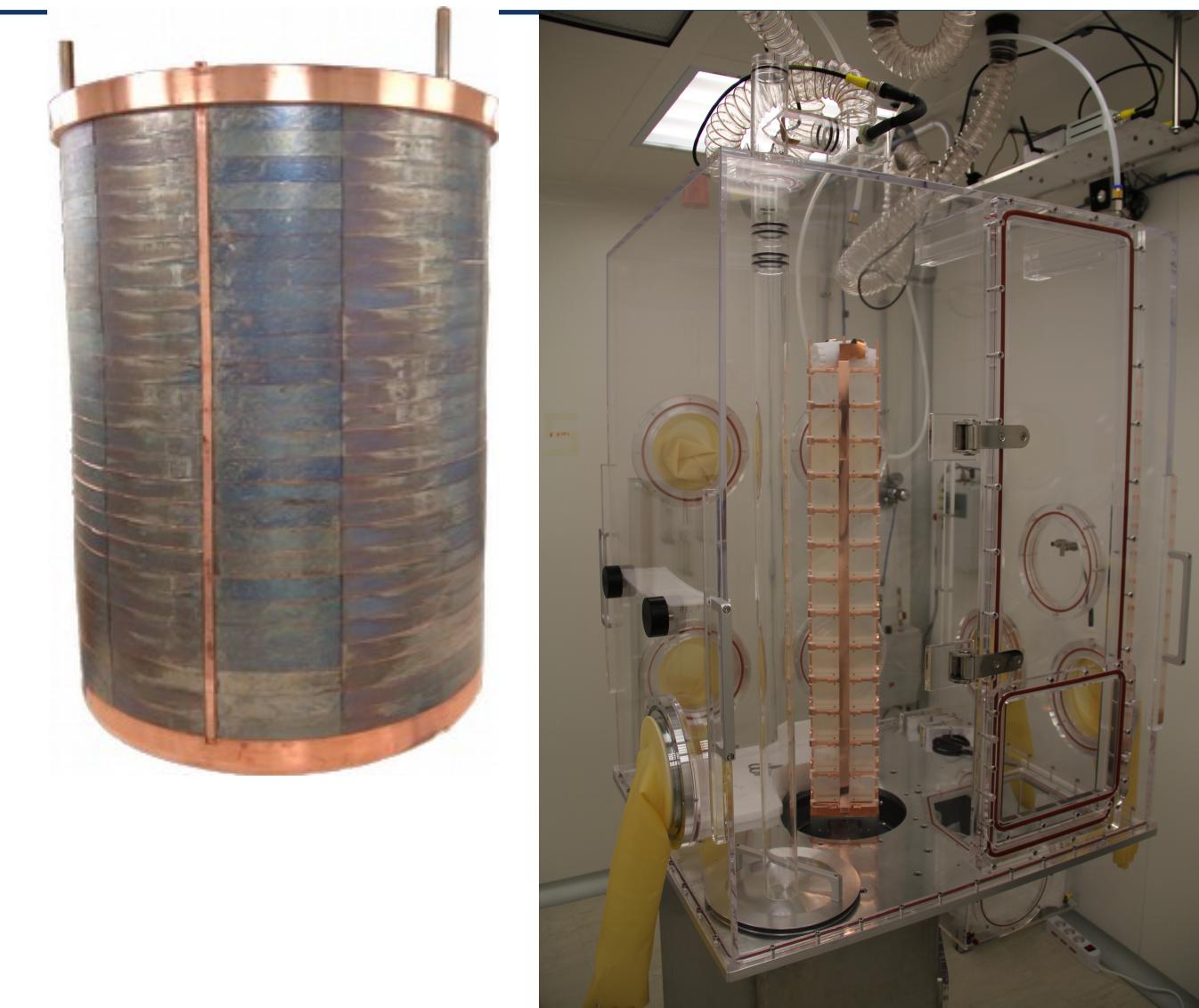
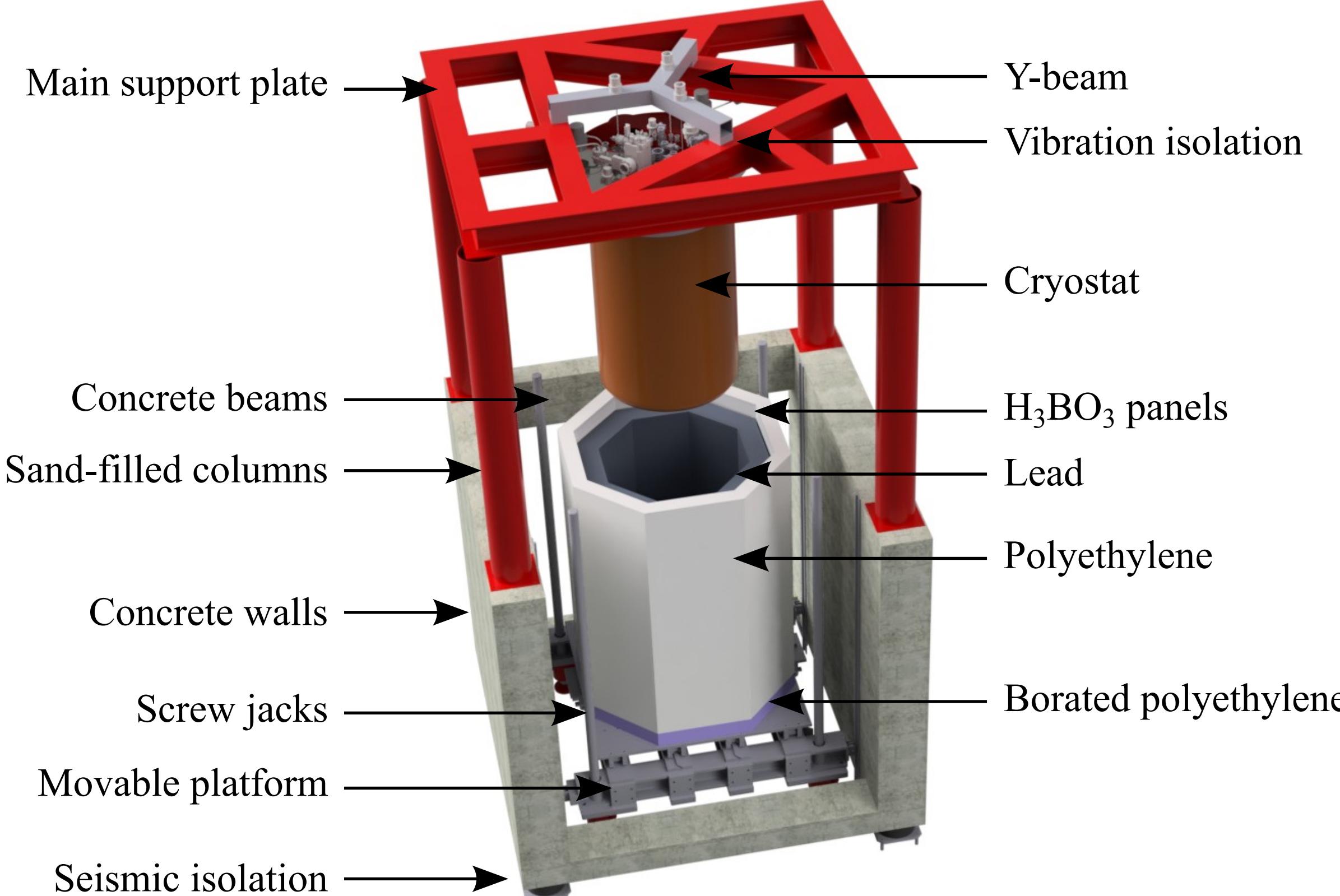
# CUORE Cryostat

Low background cryostat needs to be maintained at low temperature with low vibrations

- Multiple stage cryogen-free cryostat:
  - Nested co-axial cylinders
  - Pulse Tubes for cooling **40 K** and **4 K** stages
  - Dilution Unit to cool rest of the stages
- Total mass: **~30 ton**
  - 15 ton @ 4 K
  - 3 ton @ 50 mK
  - 1 ton @ 10 mK

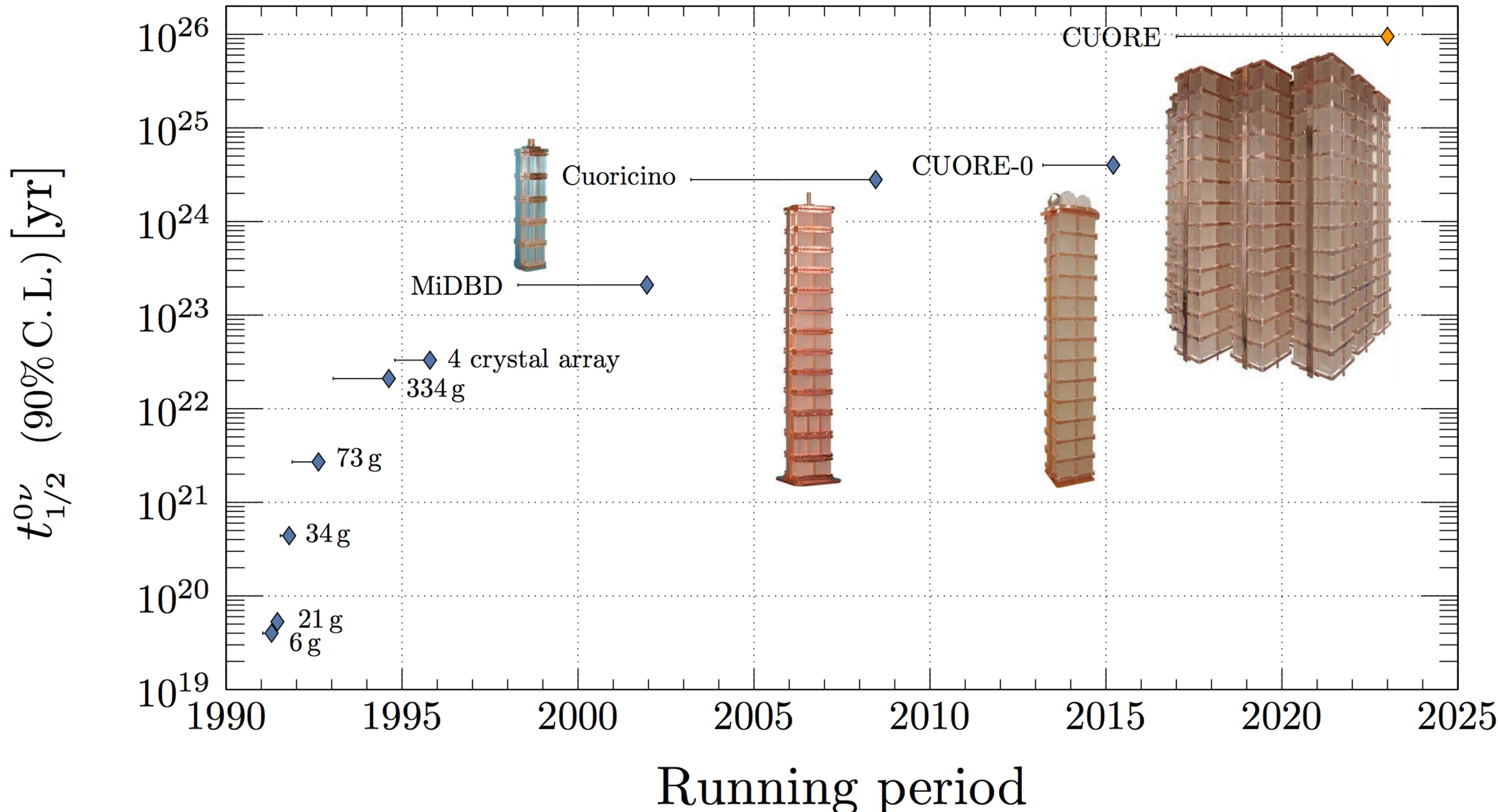


# Low Background Experiment

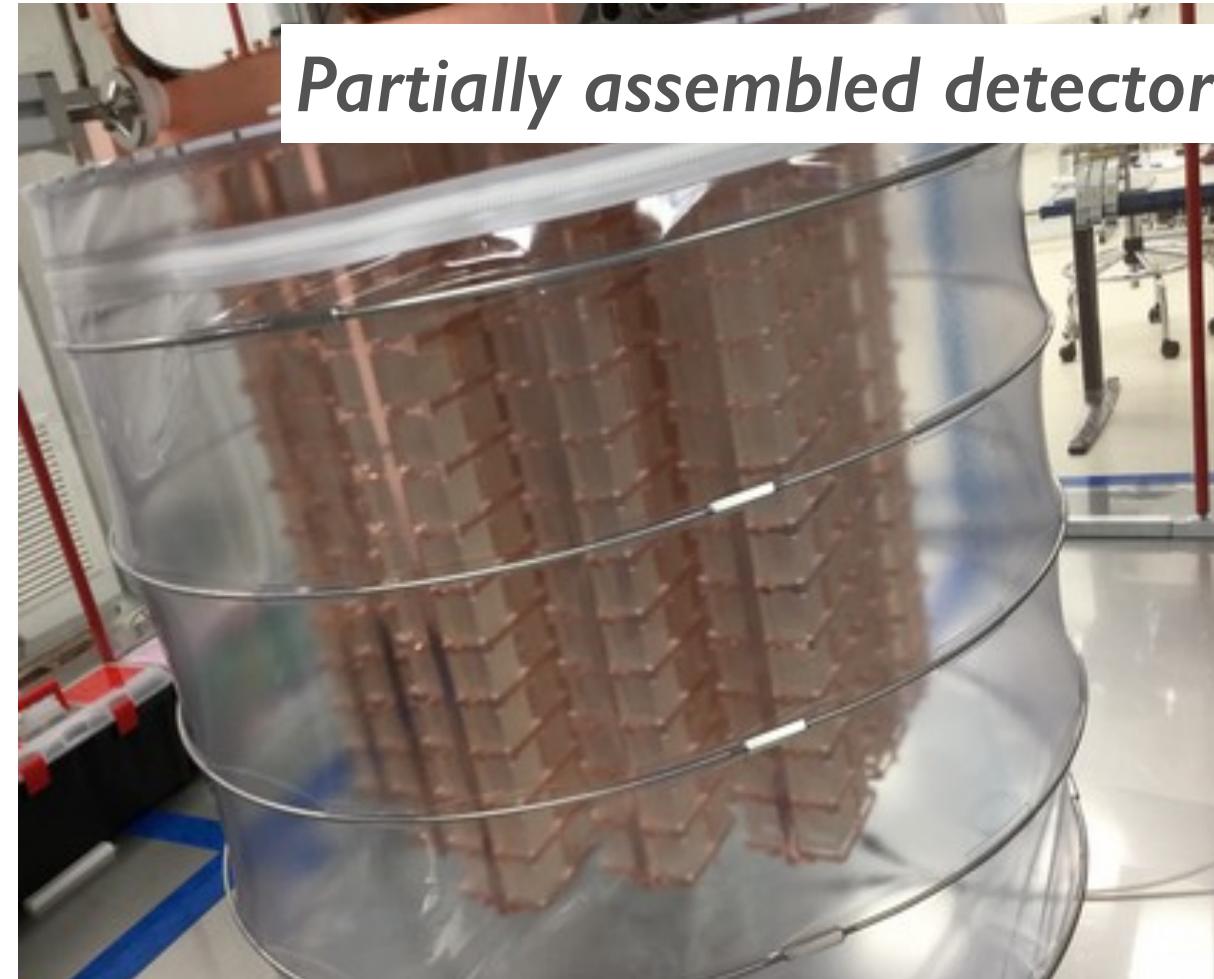
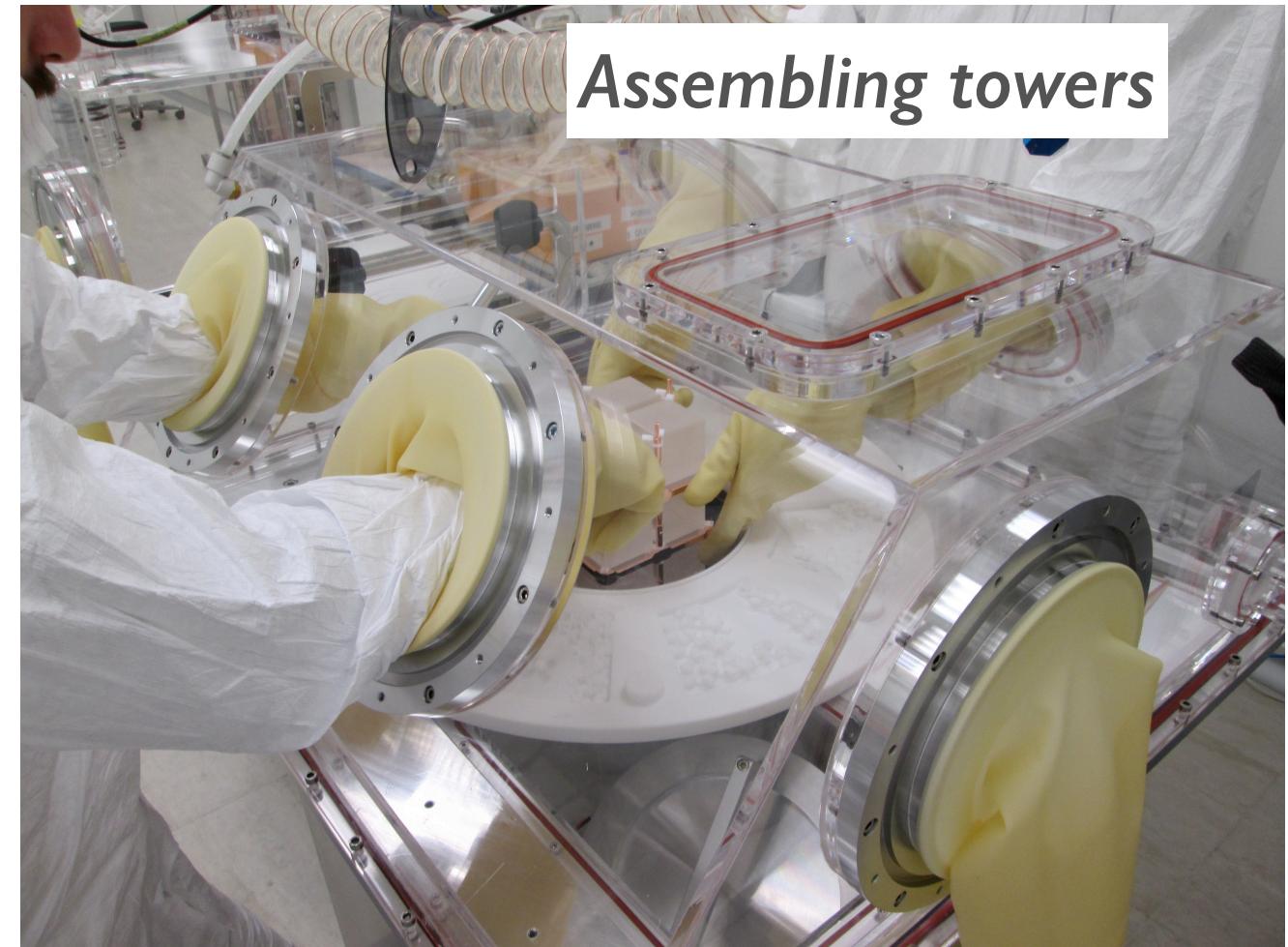
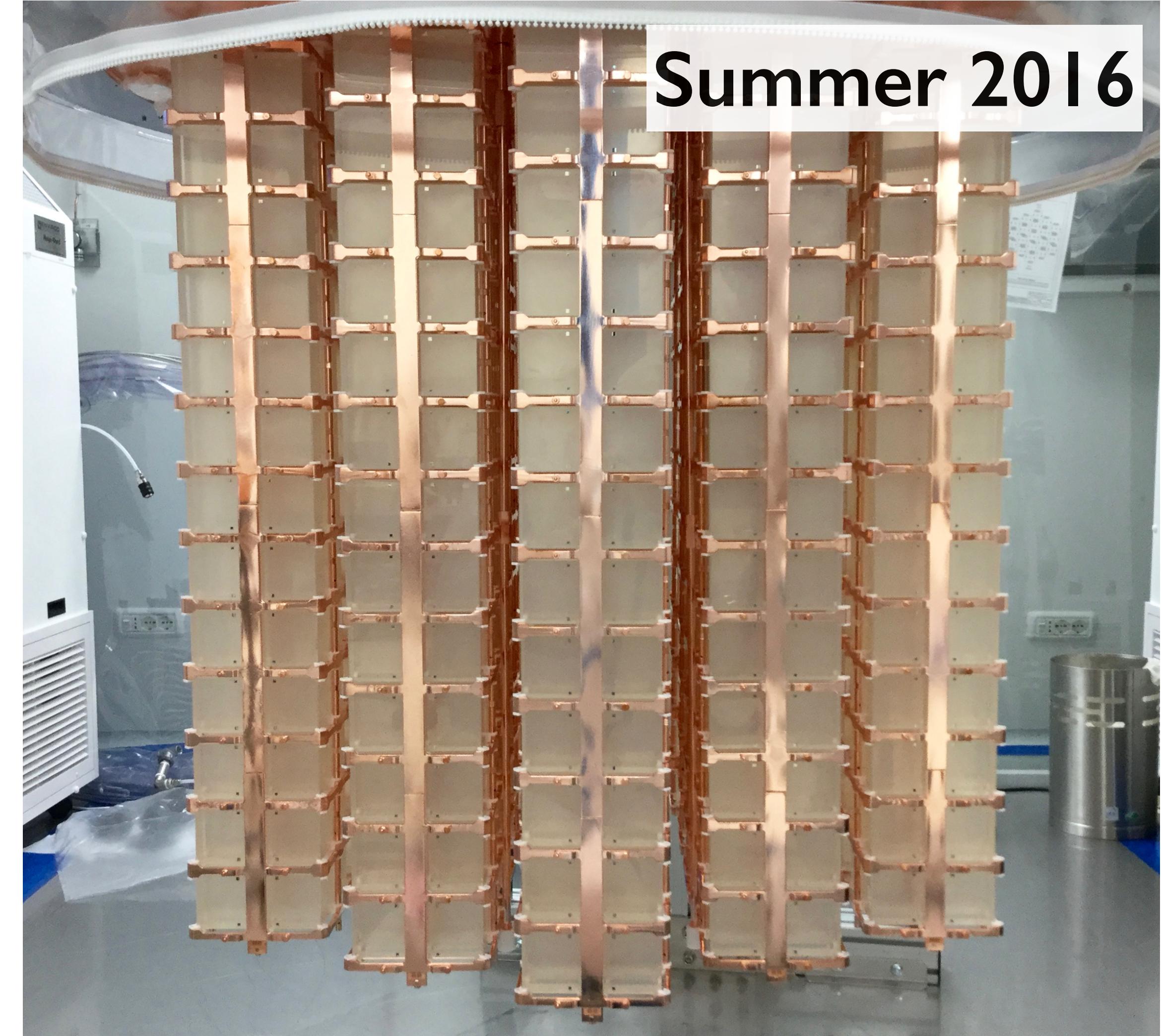
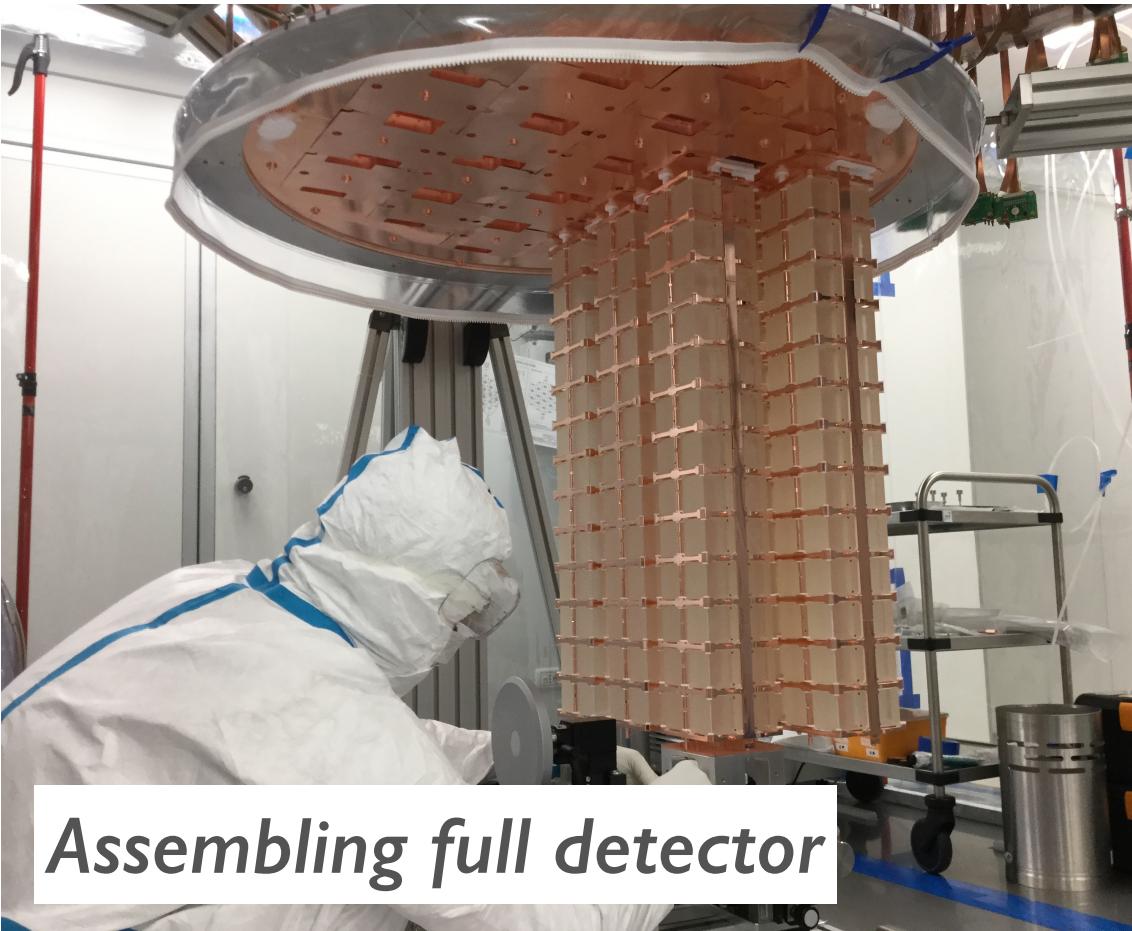
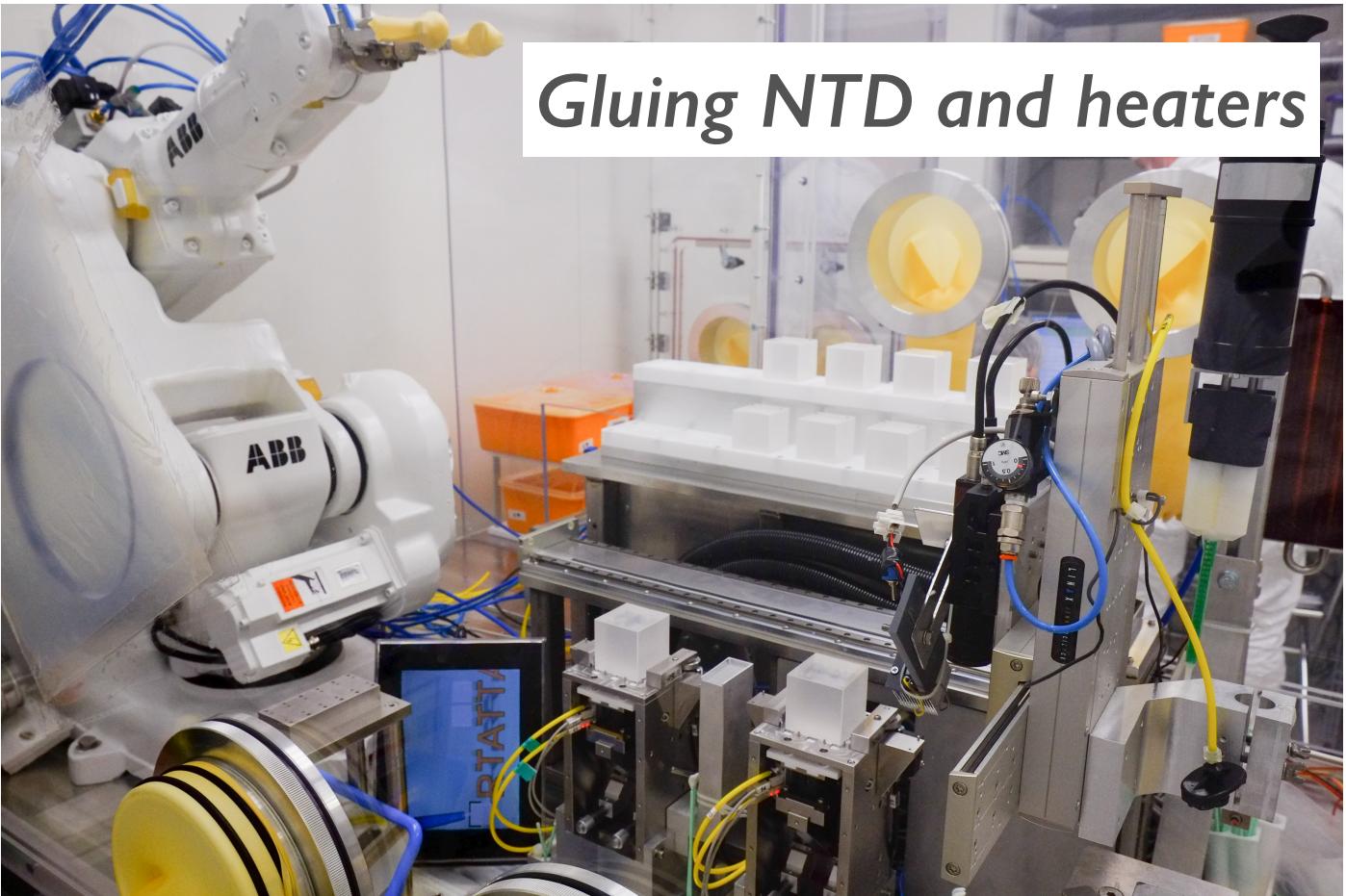


- In addition to natural shielding from rock
- Passive lead, polyethylene, and H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> shielding
- 70 tonne of lead, 7 tonne of cold lead
- Careful material selection: Ancient Lead and low radioactive copper
- Strict radiopure controls
- Active background reduction from event selection

# CUORE Development

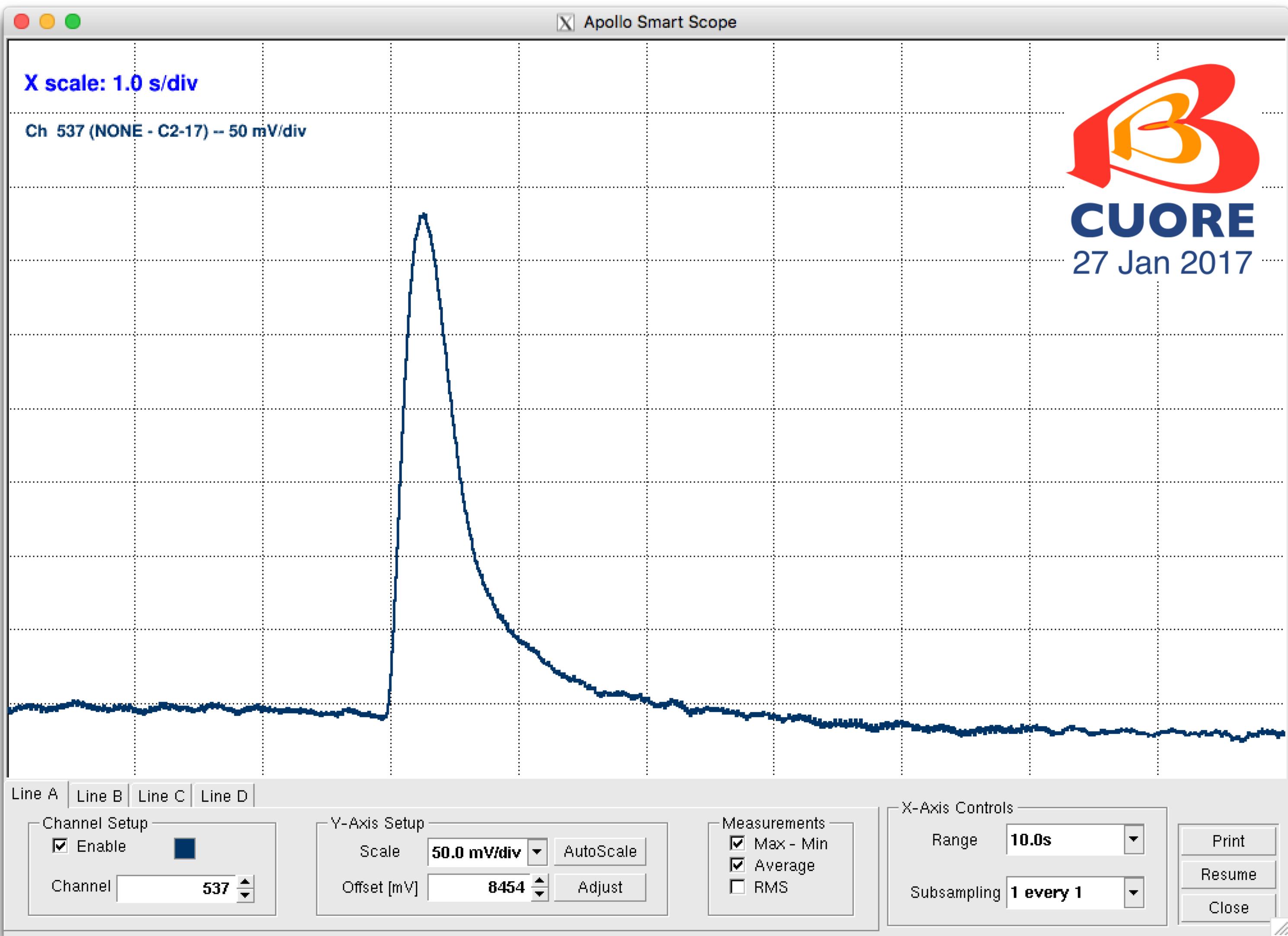


# CUORE Installation



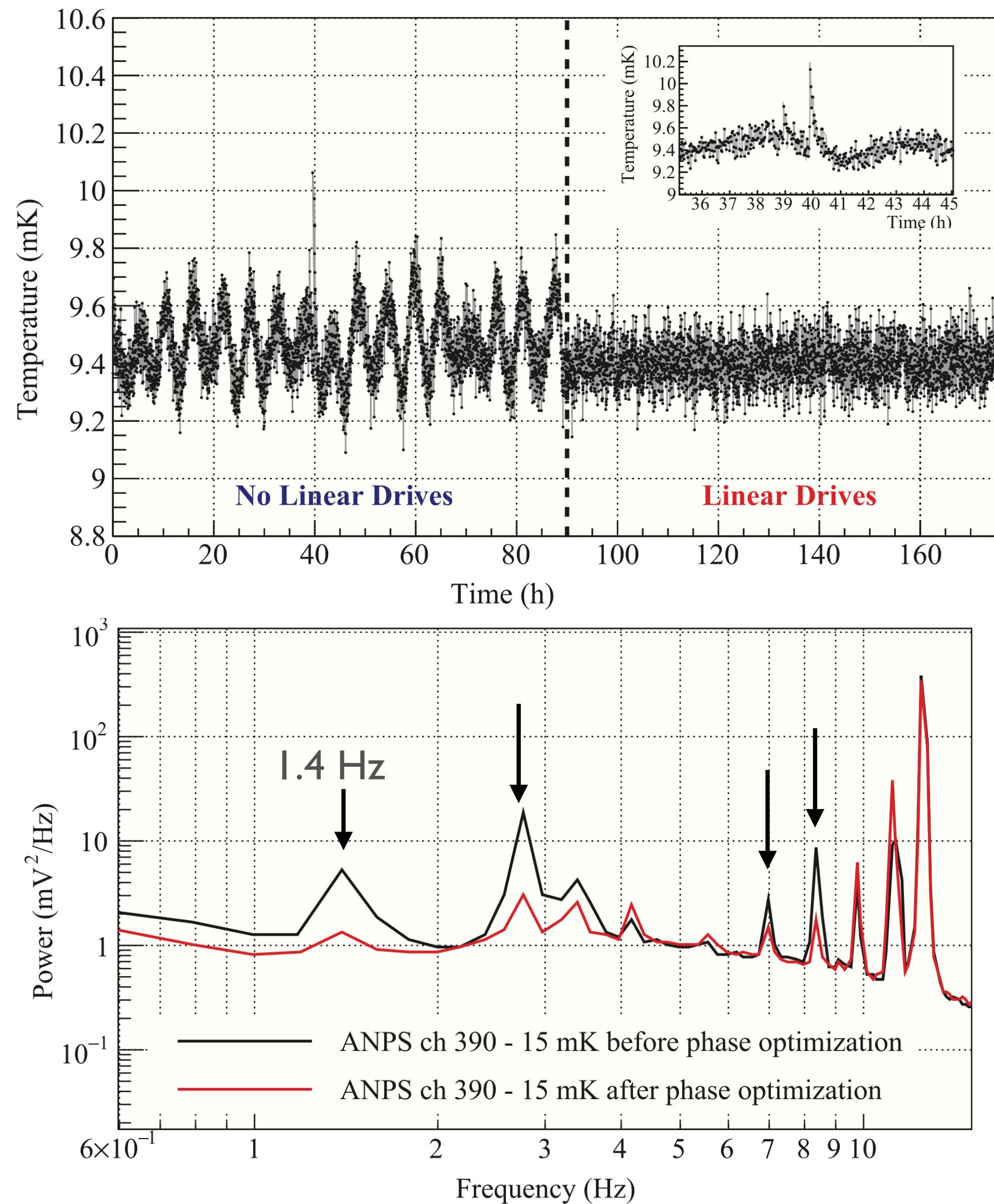
# CUORE Commissioning

- Cooldown: Started in Dec 2016
- 1 Month cool down
- First data in Jan 2017



# Early Detector Optimization

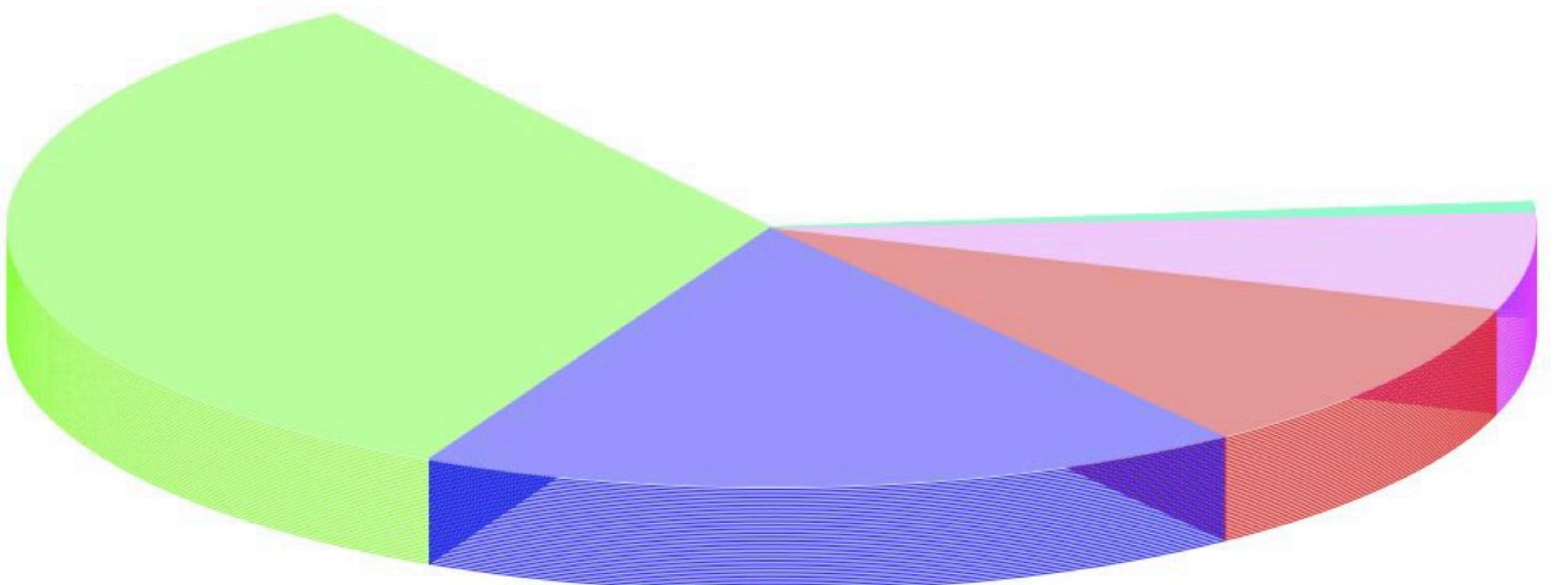
- Electronics and DAQ debugging
- Optimization of trigger thresholds
- Temperature scan
- Optimize thermal response of the detectors
- Noise and vibration control
  - Linear drives to control Pulse tubes
  - Pulse tube phase scans



# CUORE Data Taking

- First two years of data taking has seen a lot of downtime
  - Vacuum leak repair
  - Upgrades to dilution system
  - Install external calibration system
- Overall reduction in downtime: Continued stable data taking
- Enhanced several data analysis techniques

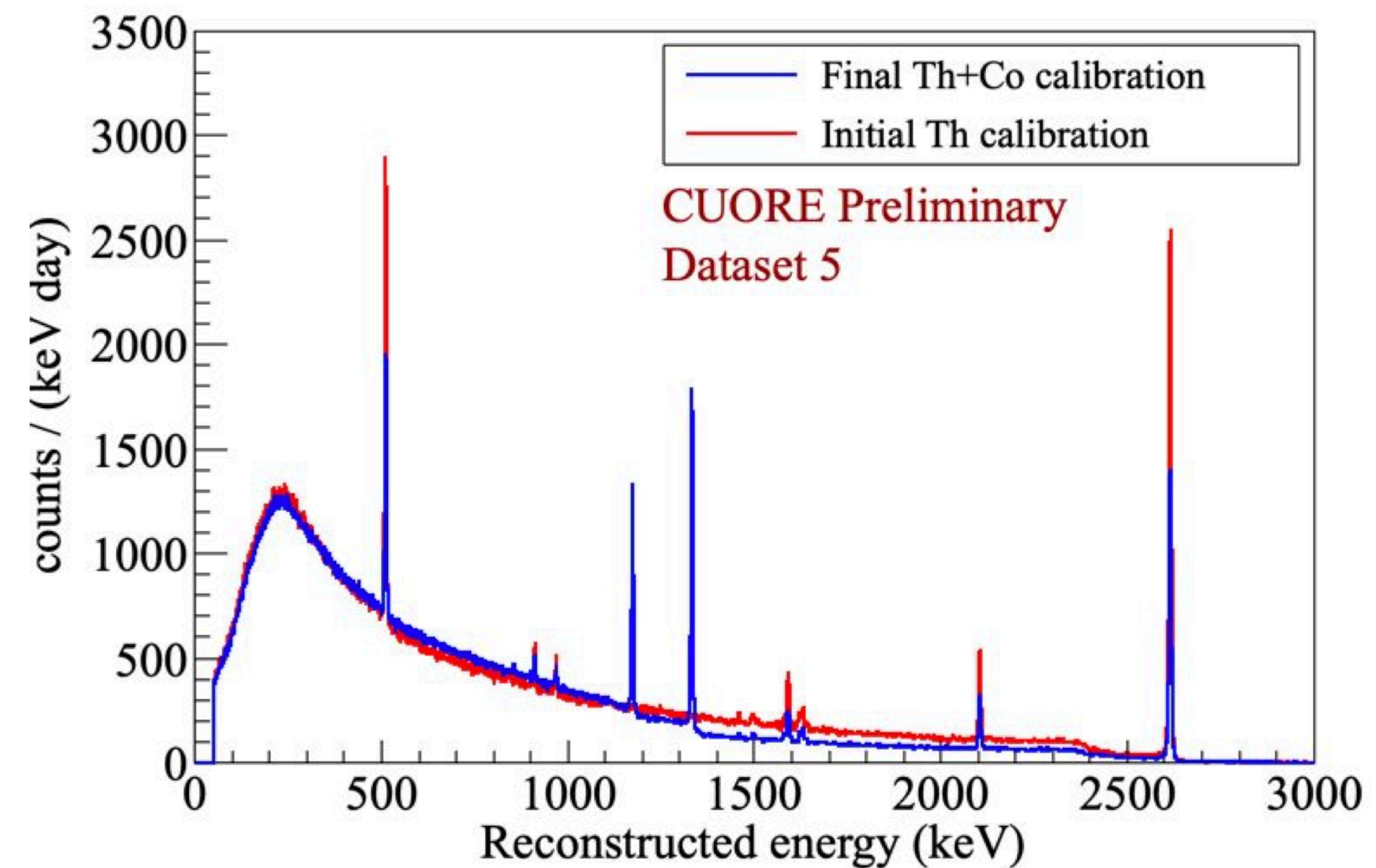
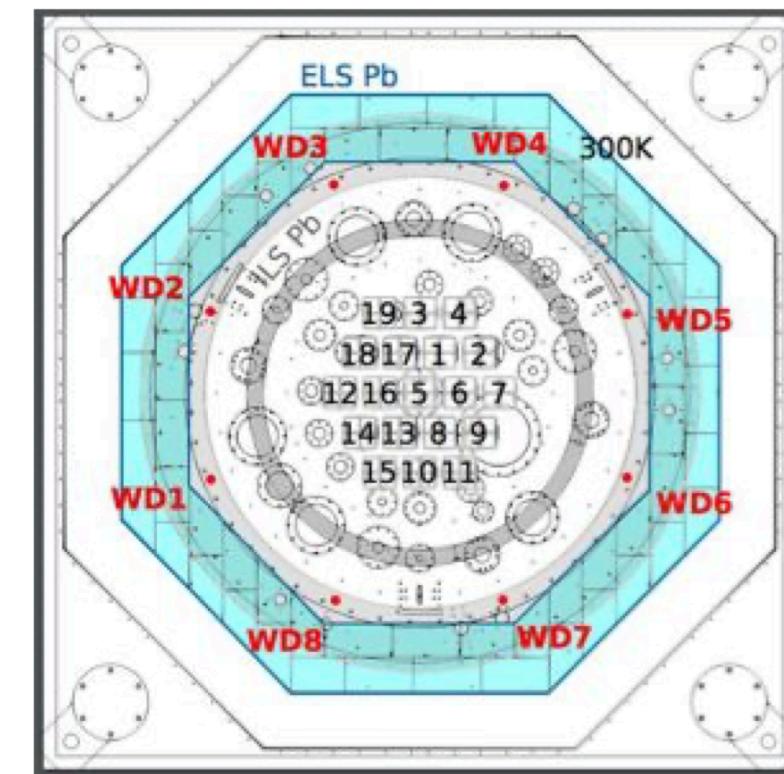
CUORE Run Time Breakdown  
Jan 2017 - Feb 2019



|                 |       |             |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Physics         | 17.2% | Calibration | 11.4% |
| Down Time       | 33.6% | NPulses     | 0.6%  |
| Setup (LC & WP) | 4.9%  | Test        | 32.3% |

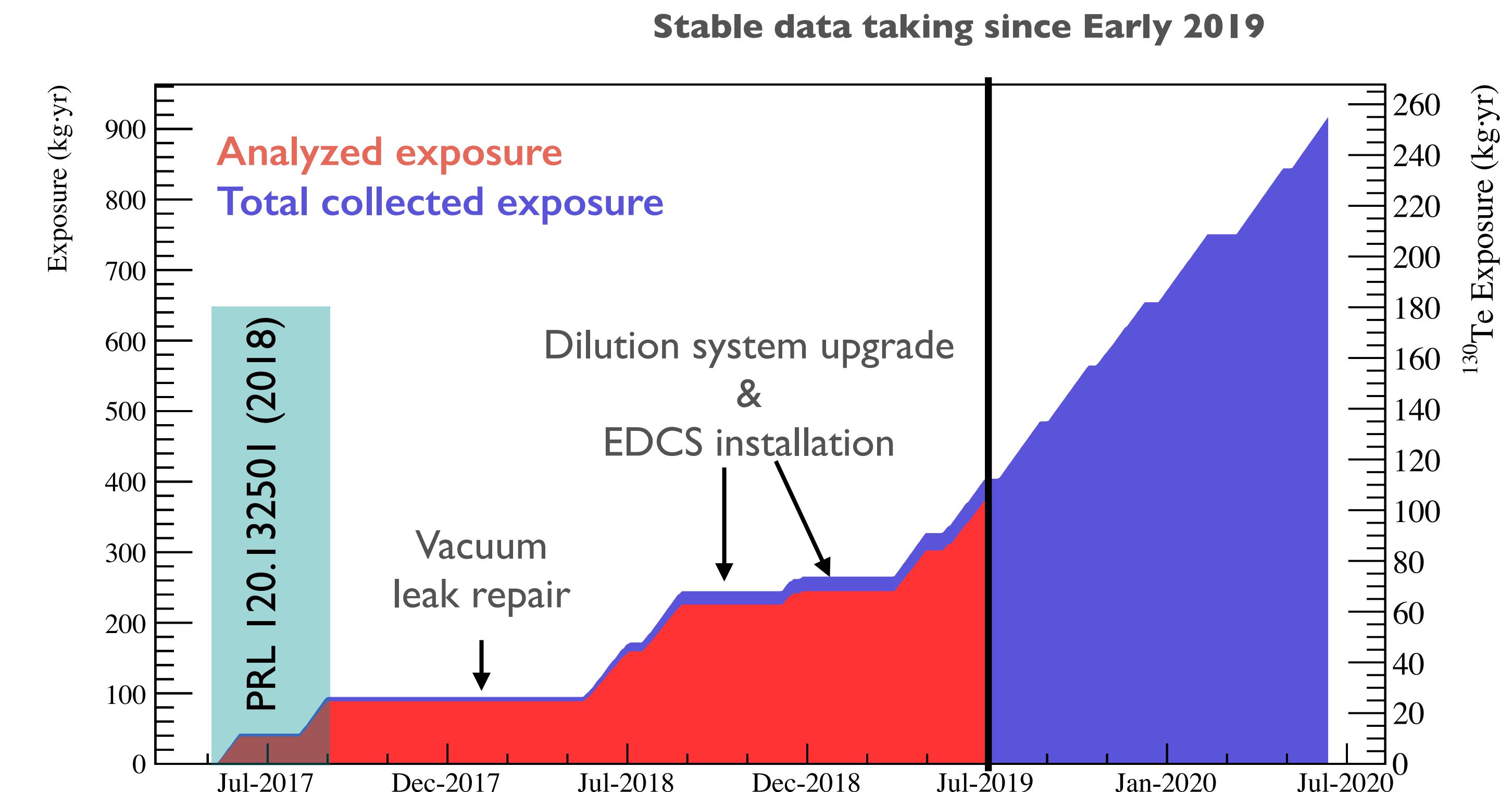
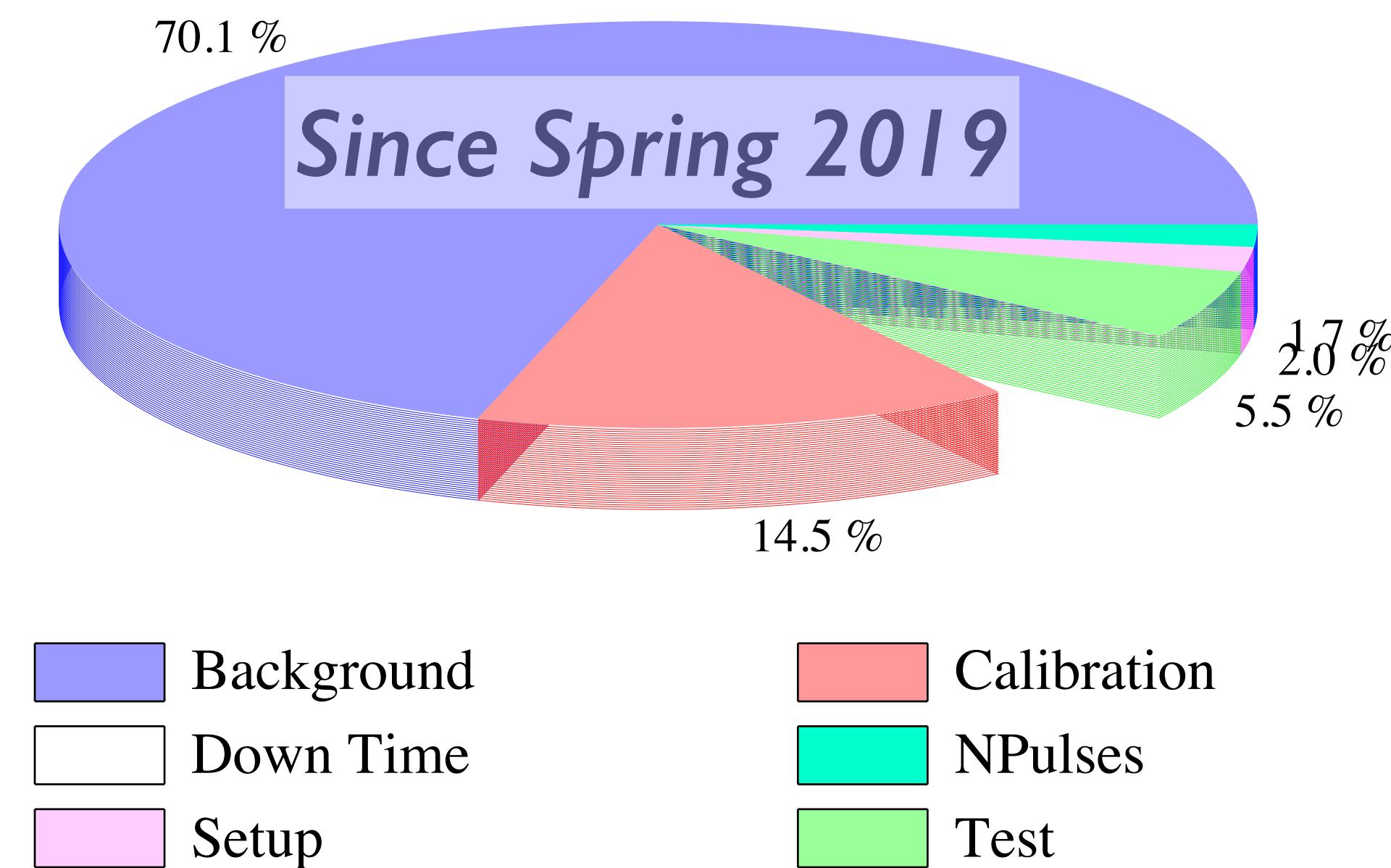
# External Detector Calibration System (DCS)

- Internal DCS:
  - $^{232}\text{Th}$  source
  - All the way down to 10 mK
  - Complicated deployment process
  - Interferes with cryogenic system
- External DCS:
  - Installed in summer 2018
  - $^{232}\text{Th} + ^{60}\text{Co}$  sources outside the 300 K vessel
  - Short deployment periods helps to increase uptime

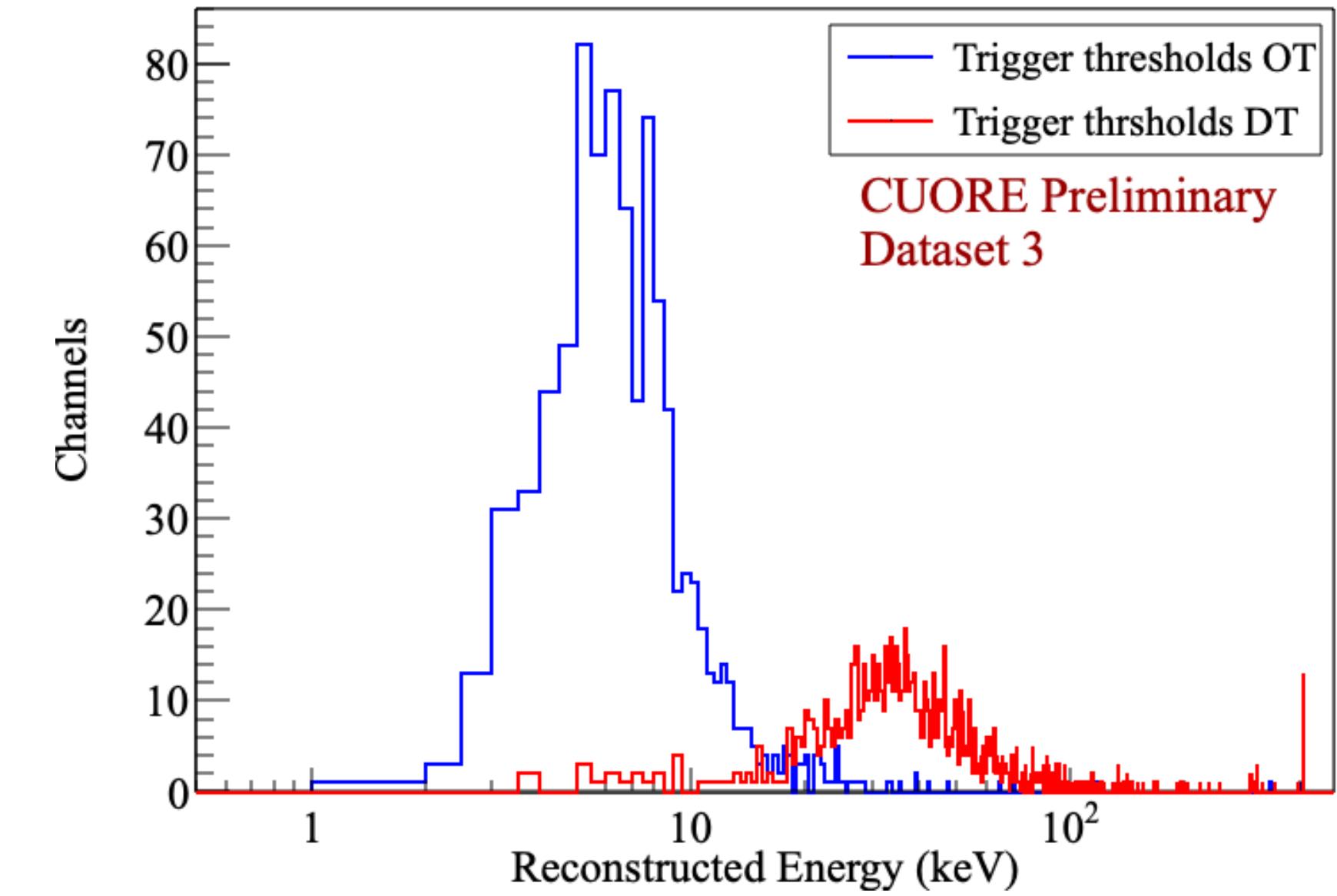
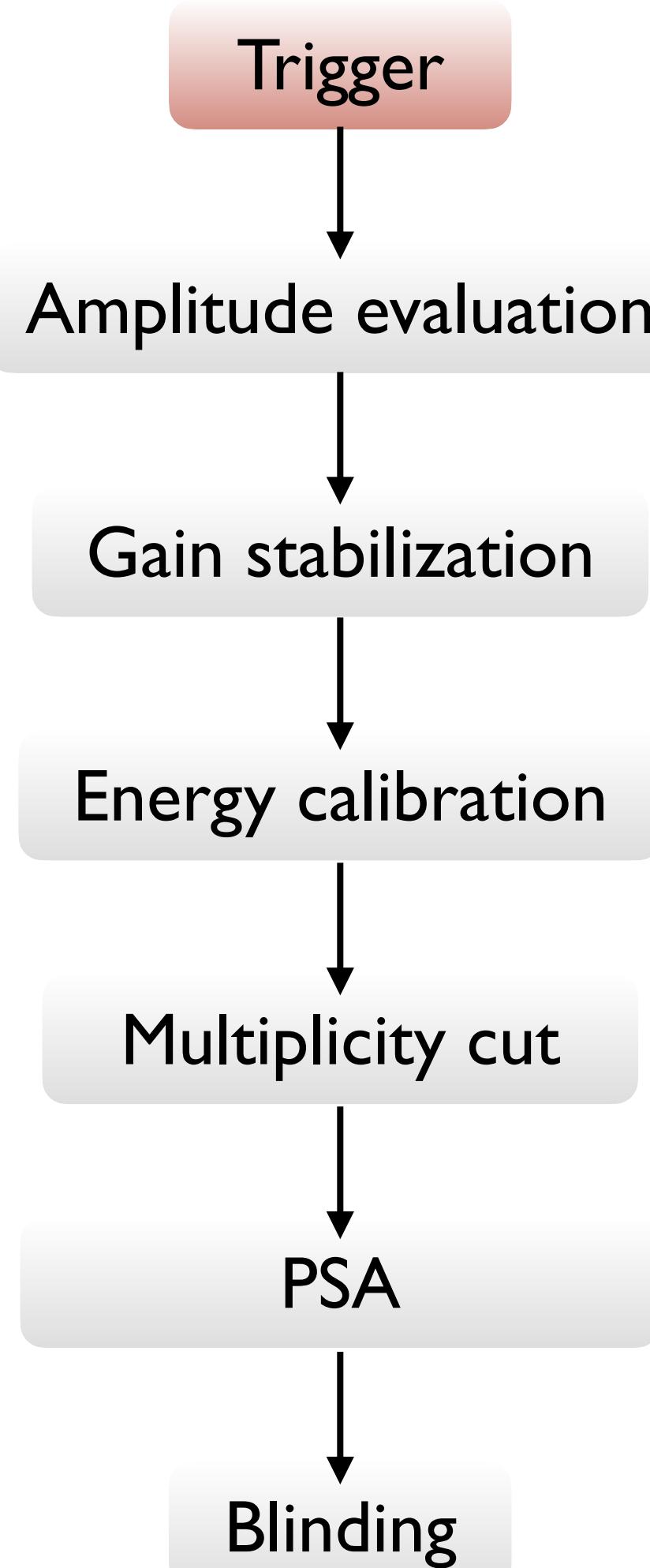


# Data Taking

- After detector upgrades, continues low downtime data taking
- 12 datasets completed, each dataset ~1 month long (916.9 kg-yr data collected)
- 7 datasets analyzed (372.5 kg.yr)
- Plan for continued data taking



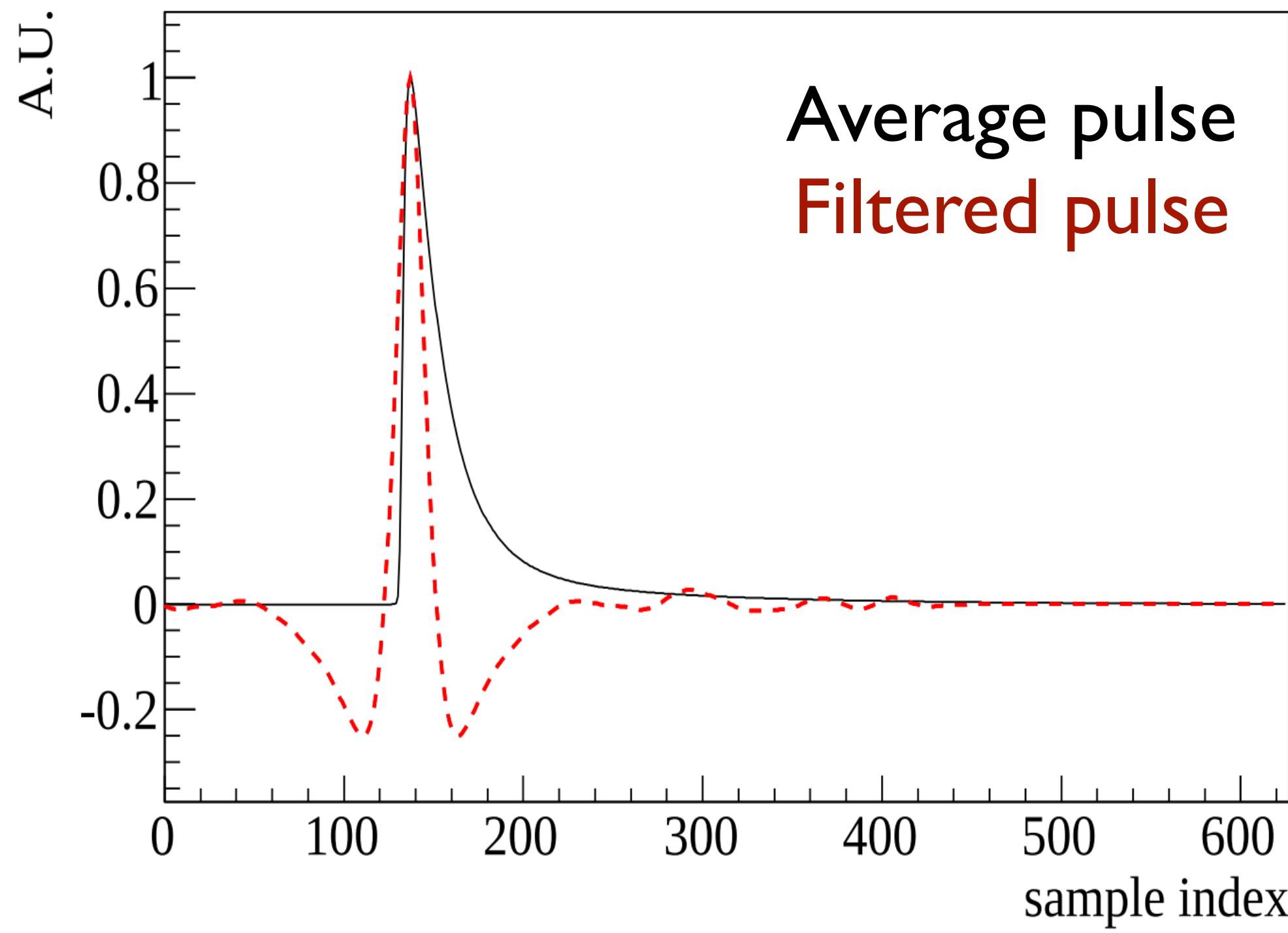
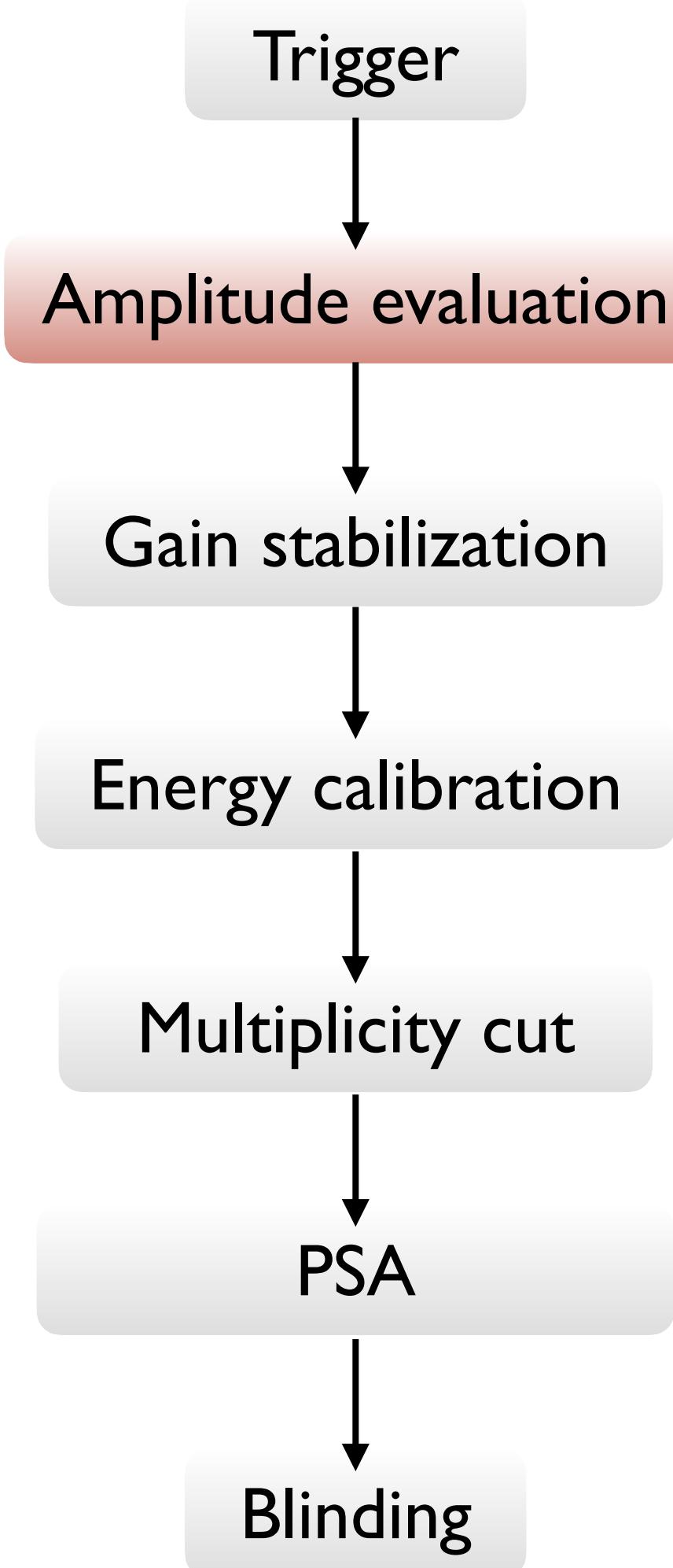
# Analysis Chain: Trigger



- Continuous data collected and saved
- Offline retriggering possible for all datasets
- Optimum Trigger (OT):
  - Triggered when optimum filter based amplitude crosses a threshold

**Lower trigger thresholds achieved using optimum trigger**

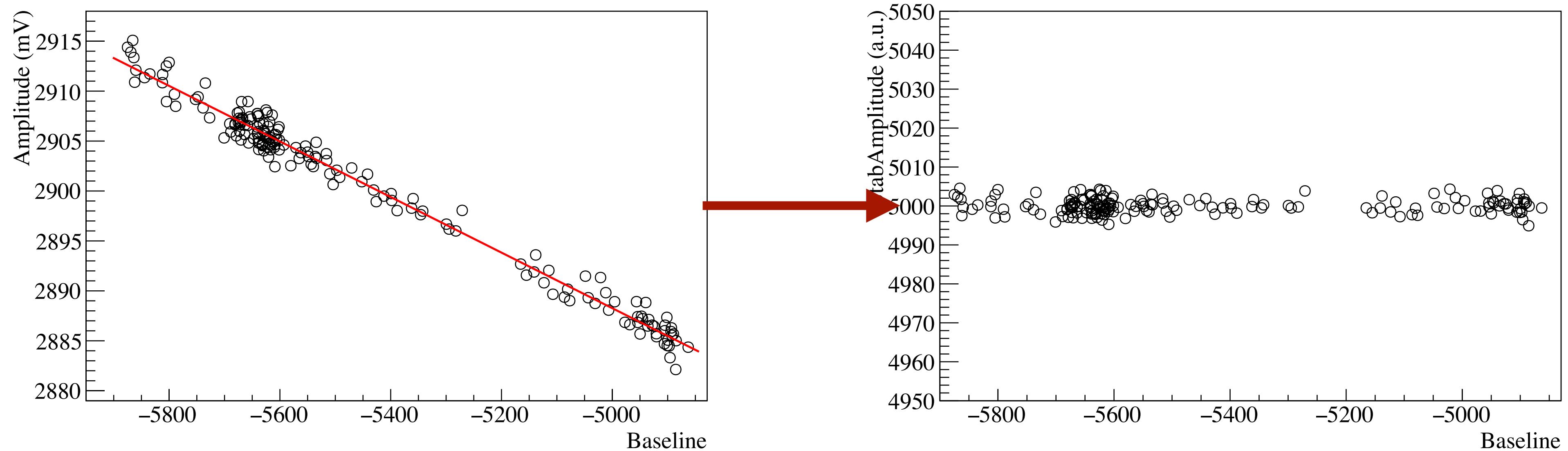
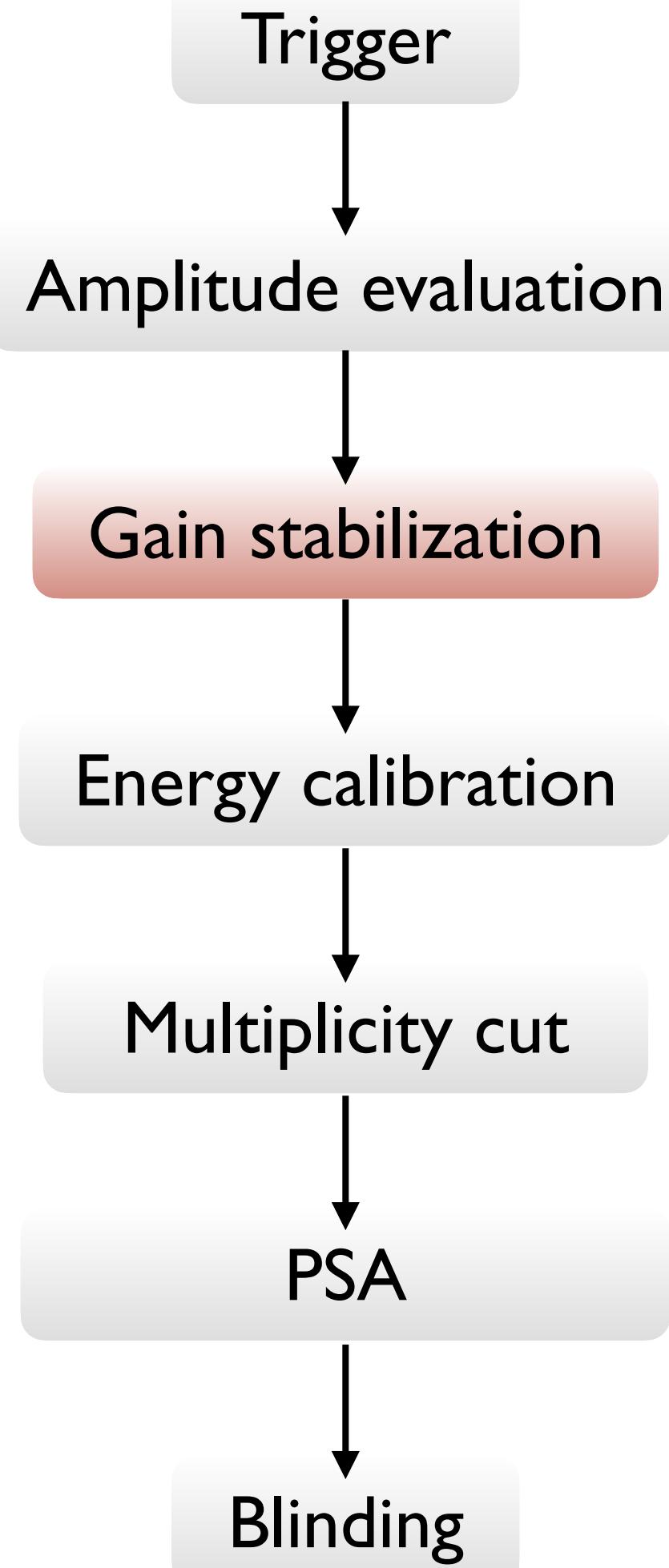
# Analysis Chain: Amplitude



**Amplitude  $\propto$  Energy**

- Amplitude of the pulses are evaluated using matched filter that maximizes signal-to-noise ratio

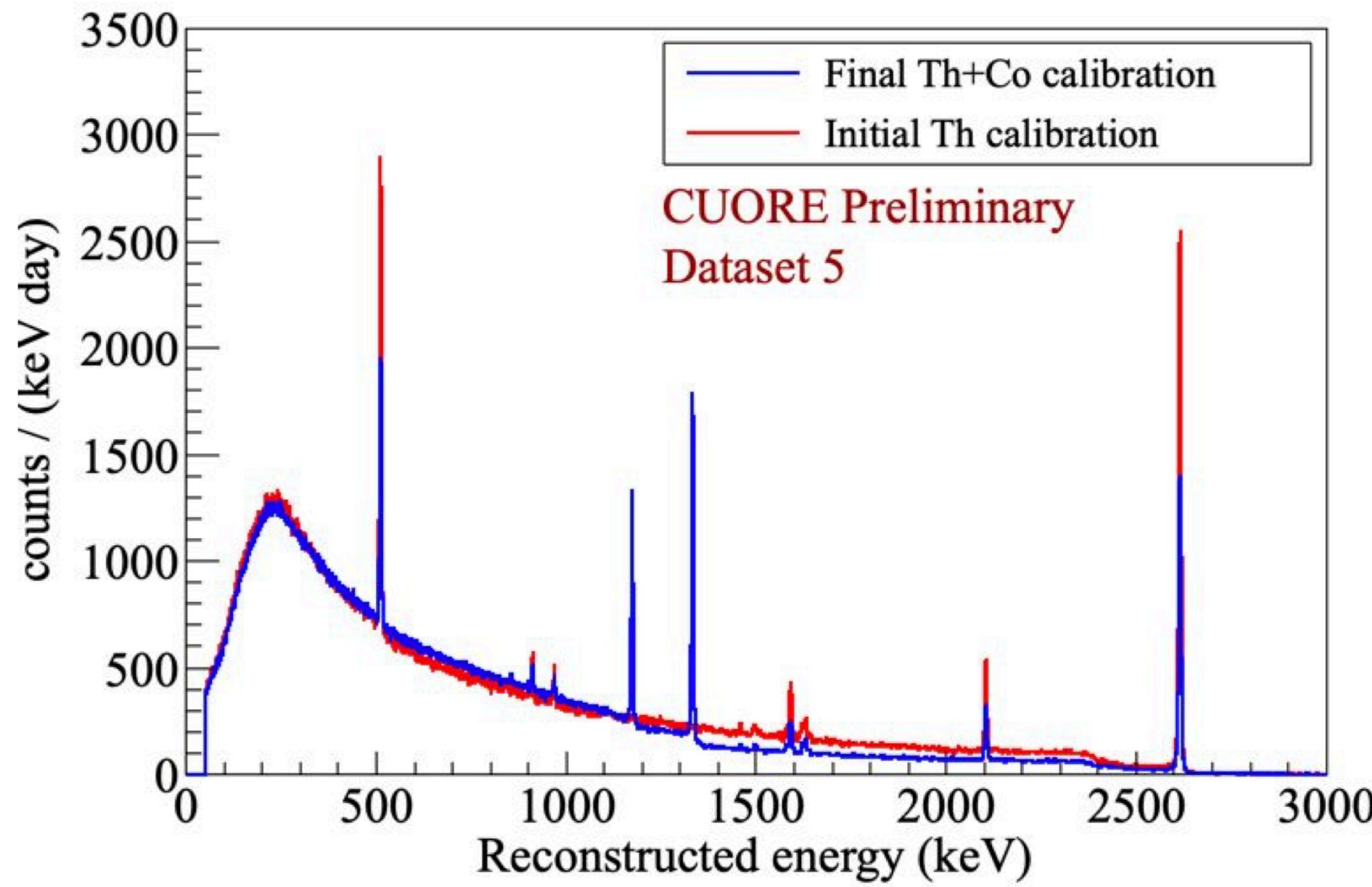
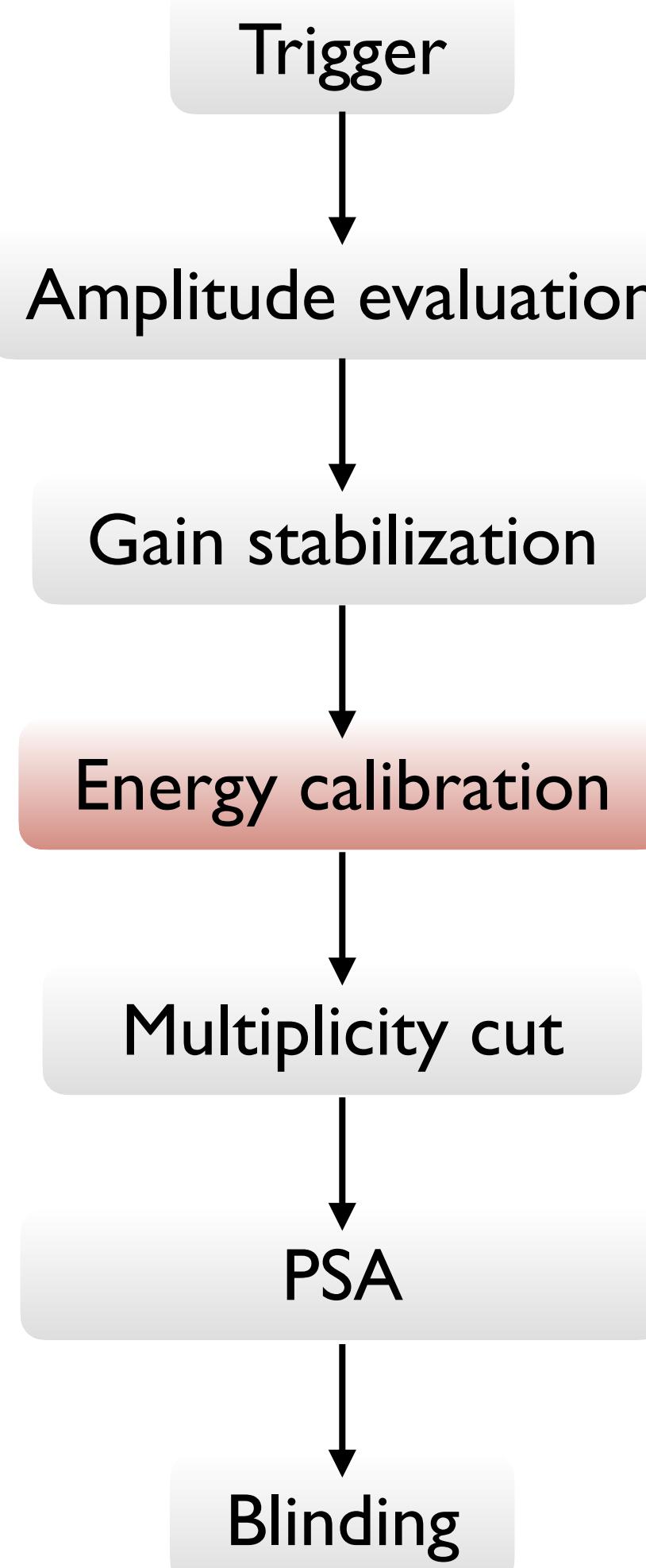
# Analysis Chain: Gain stabilization



**Amplitude = Gain x Energy**

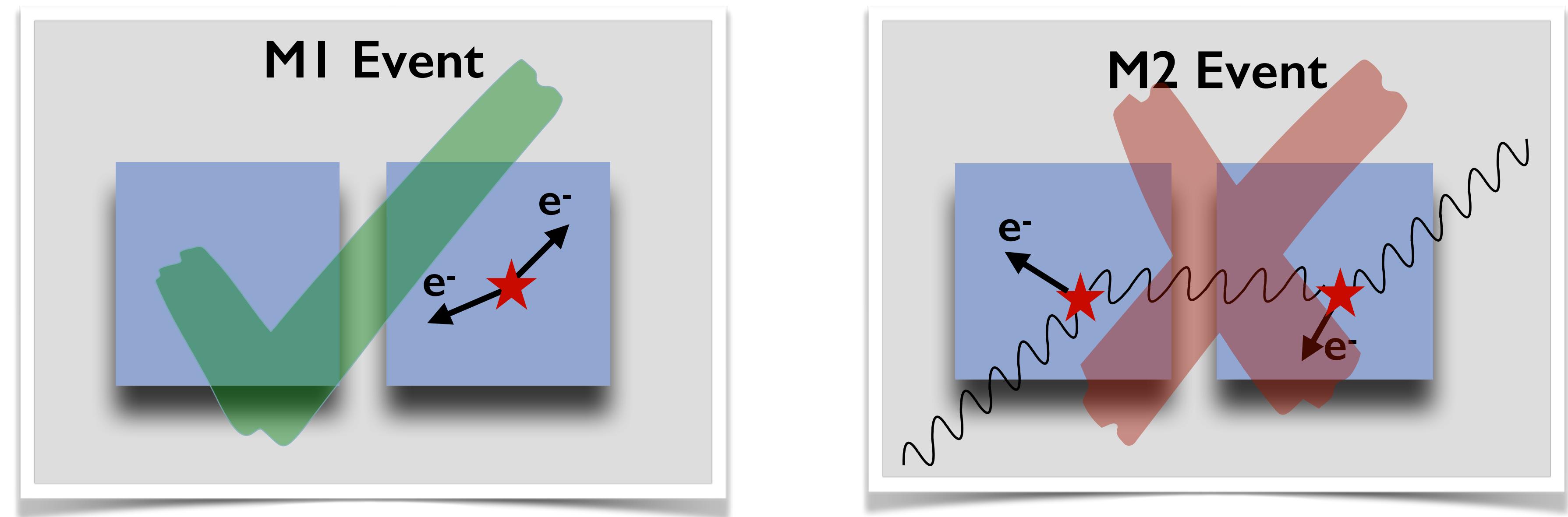
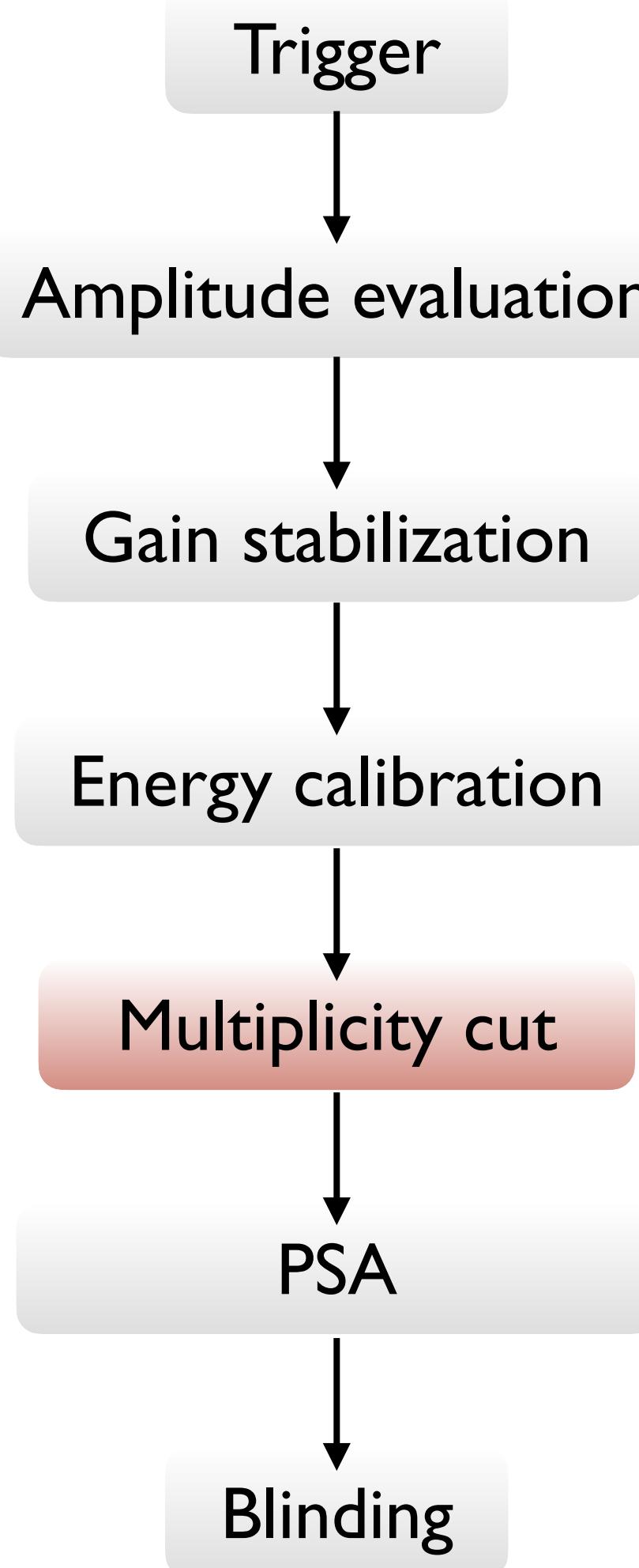
- Gain is temperature dependent
- Stabilize the gain against temperature drifts
- Use fixed energy heater pulses to stabilize gain

# Analysis Chain: Energy



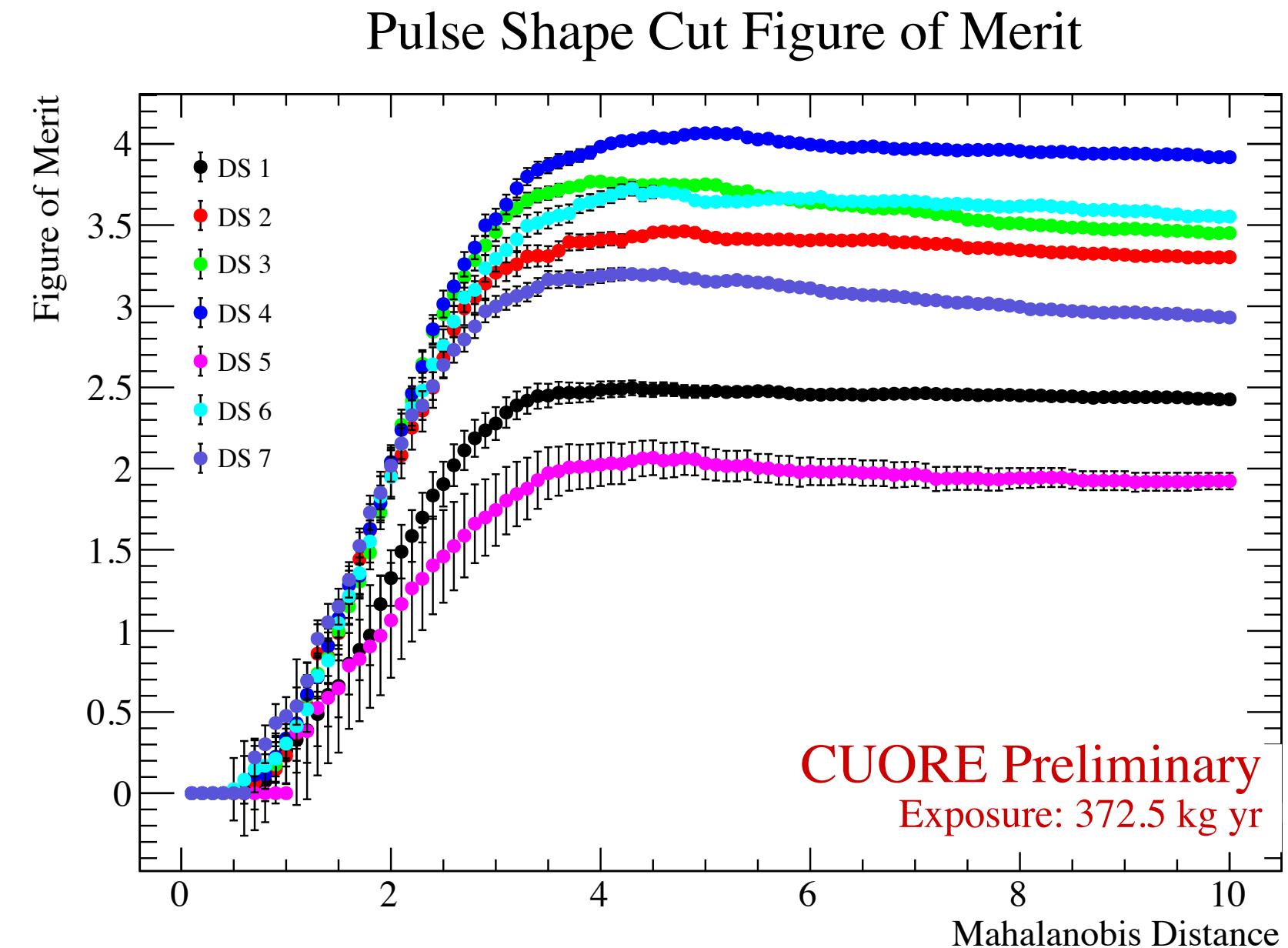
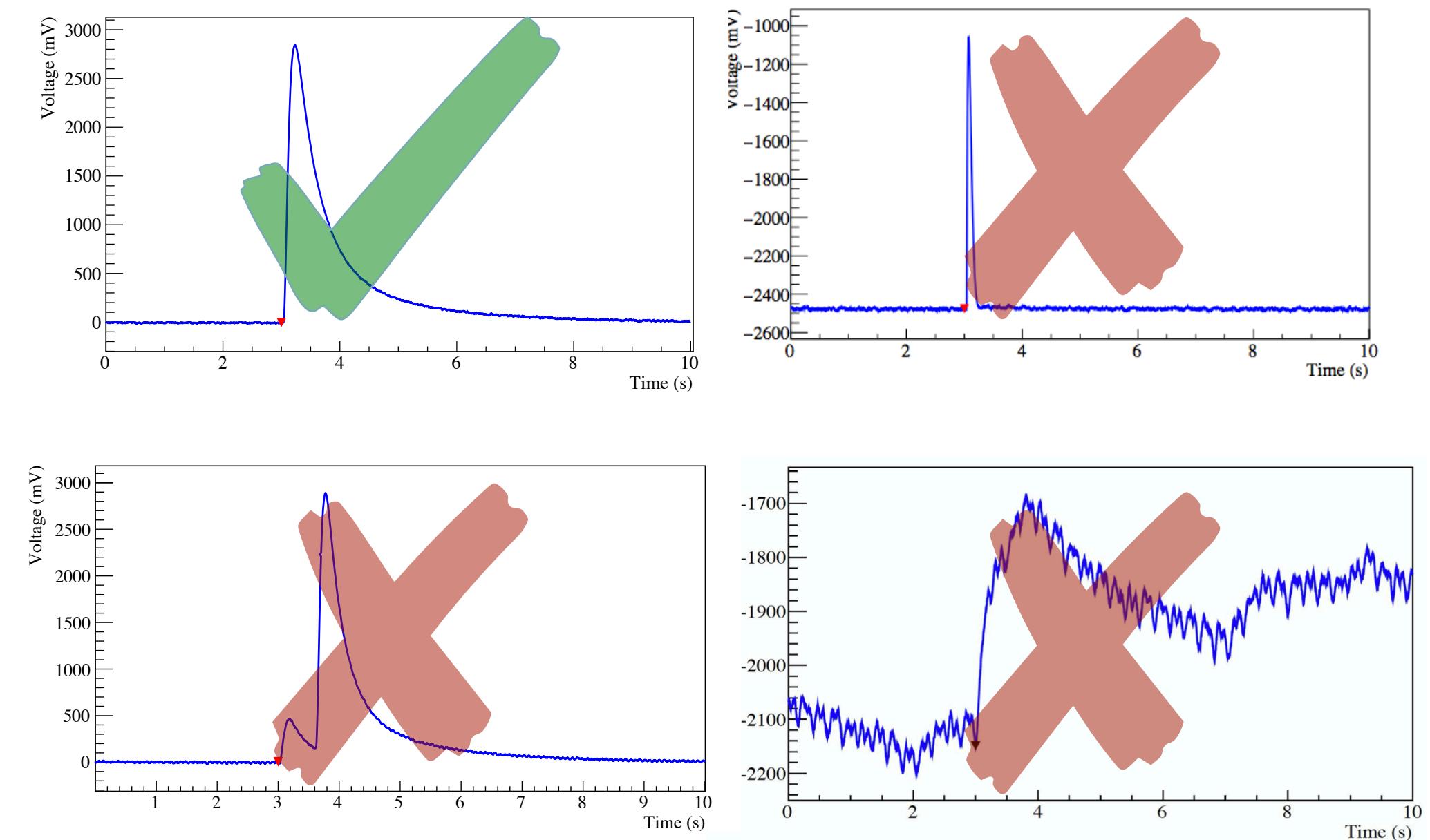
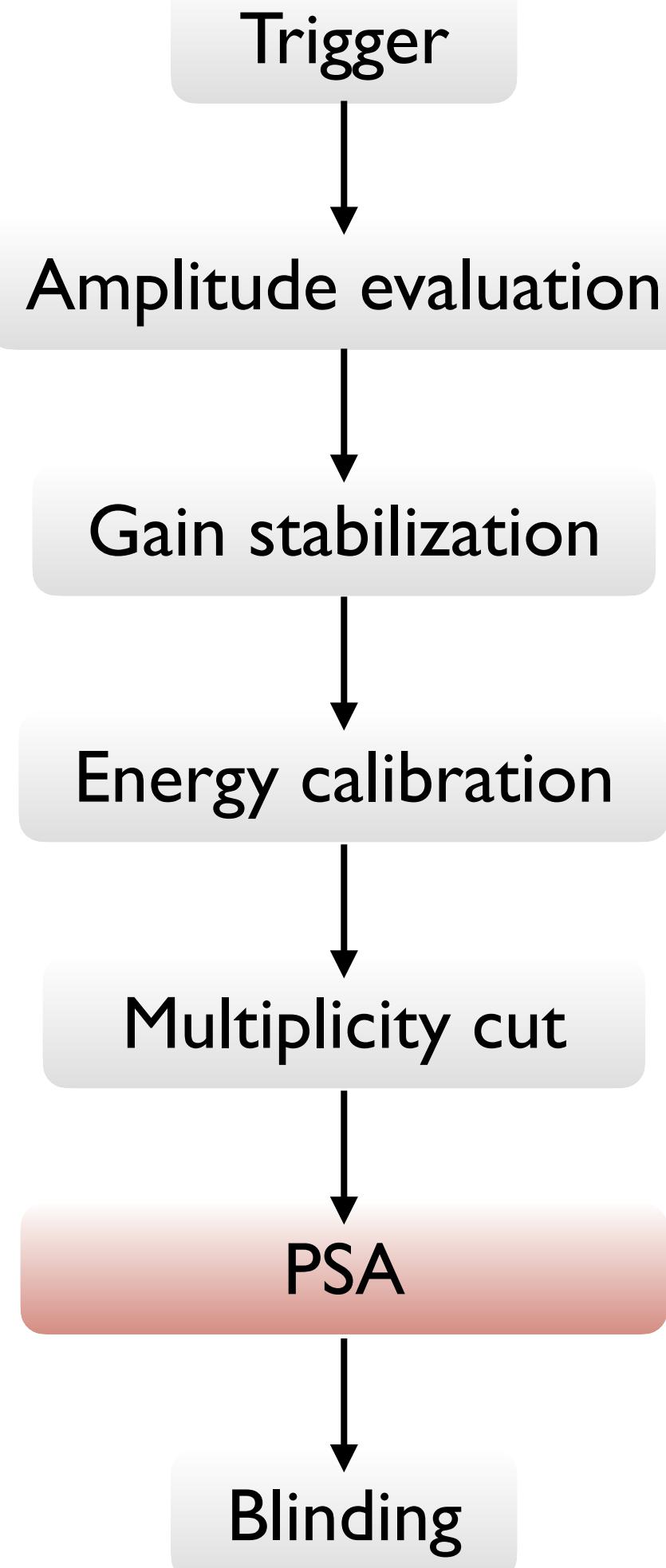
- Calibration data taken before and after each dataset
- Uses peaks from  $^{232}\text{Th}+^{60}\text{Co}$  chain
- Each crystal independently calibrated

# Analysis Chain: Multiplicity



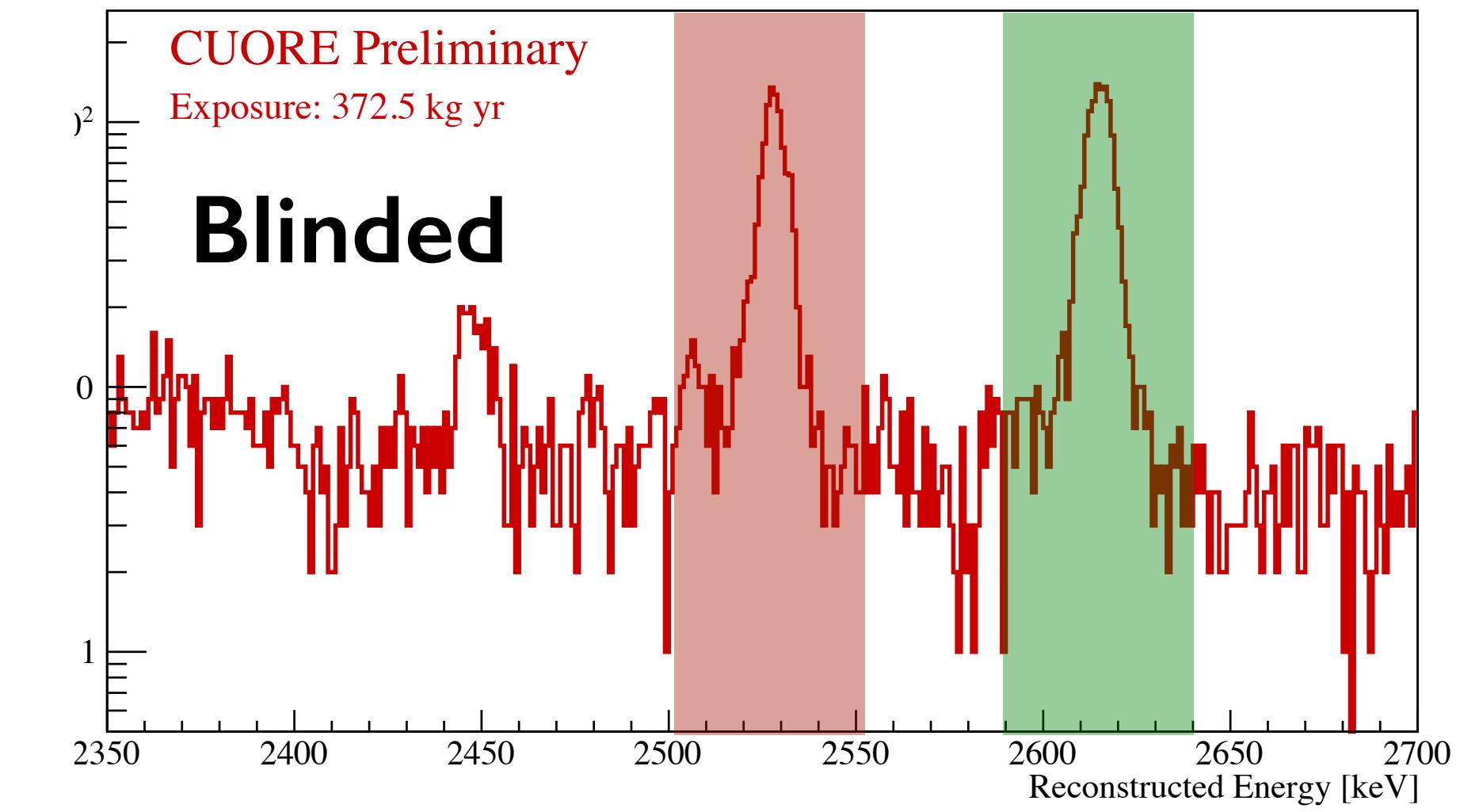
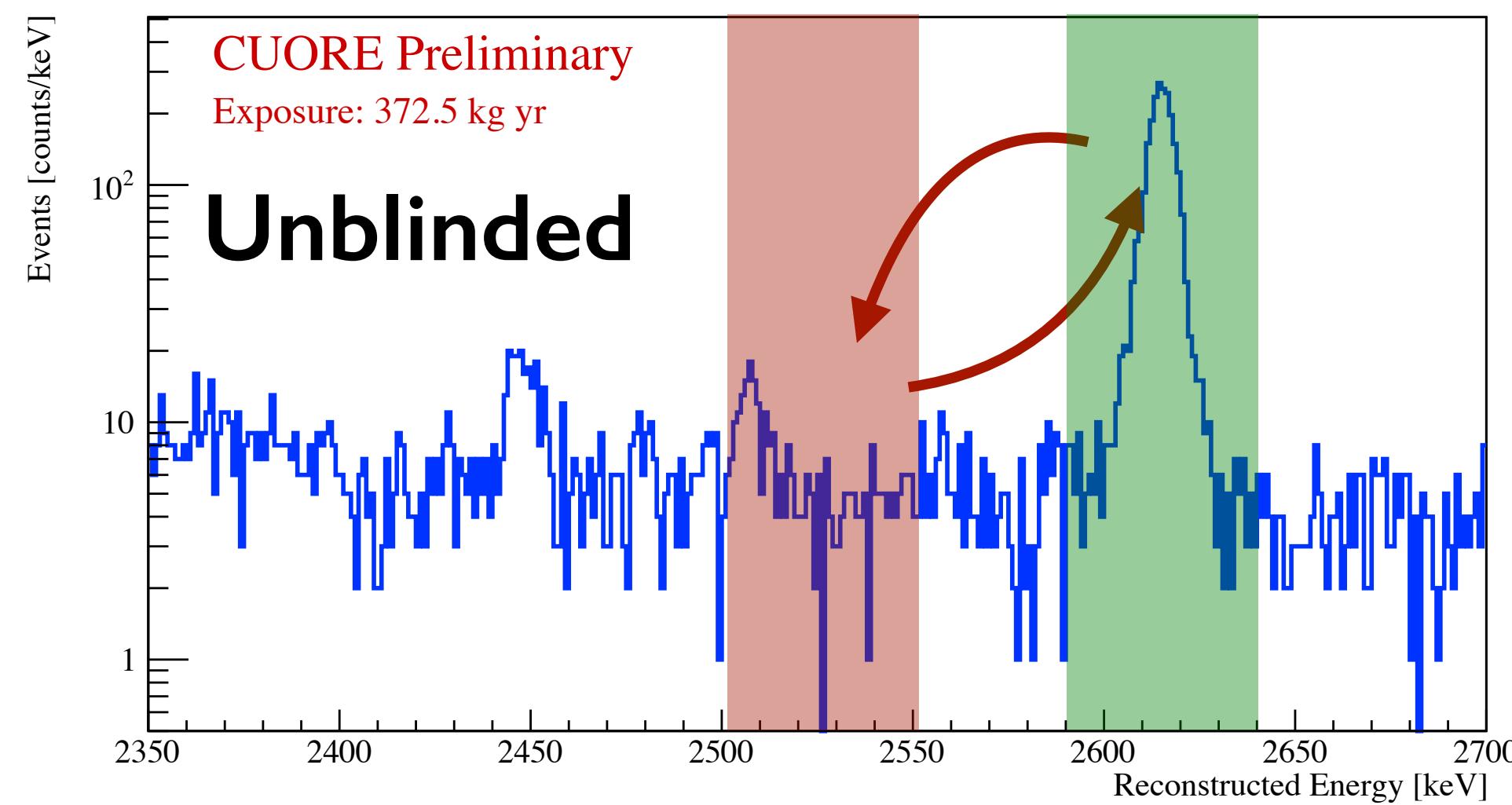
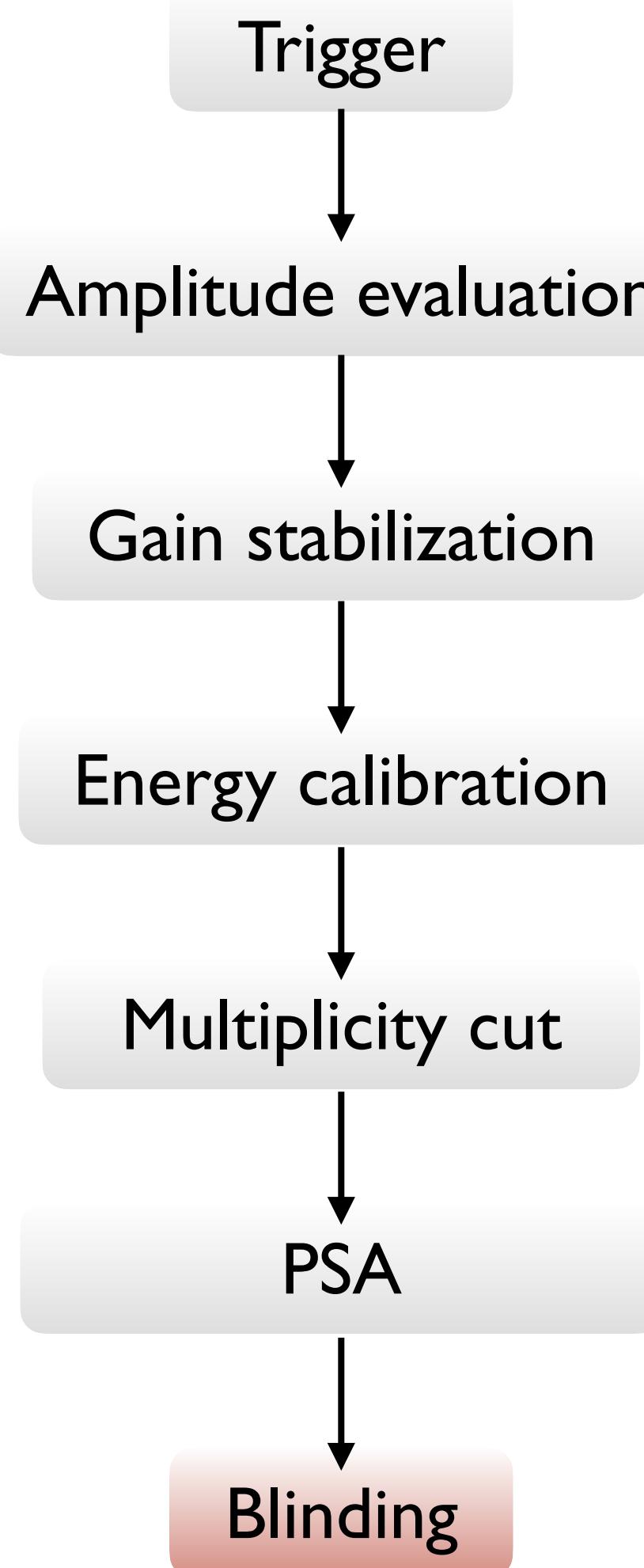
- Multi-site events typically come from radioactive contamination
- Select MI events for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  dataset
- Eliminate Compton scatters, surface alpha contamination, and muons

# Analysis Chain: Pulse Shape Analysis



- Use the shape of the signal pulse to identify pulses that deviate from nominal pulse
- Multi-dimensional *distance* based on six pulse shape parameters is defined
- Acceptance criteria is defined by the *distance* of events from the centroid of distribution that maximizes experimental sensitivity

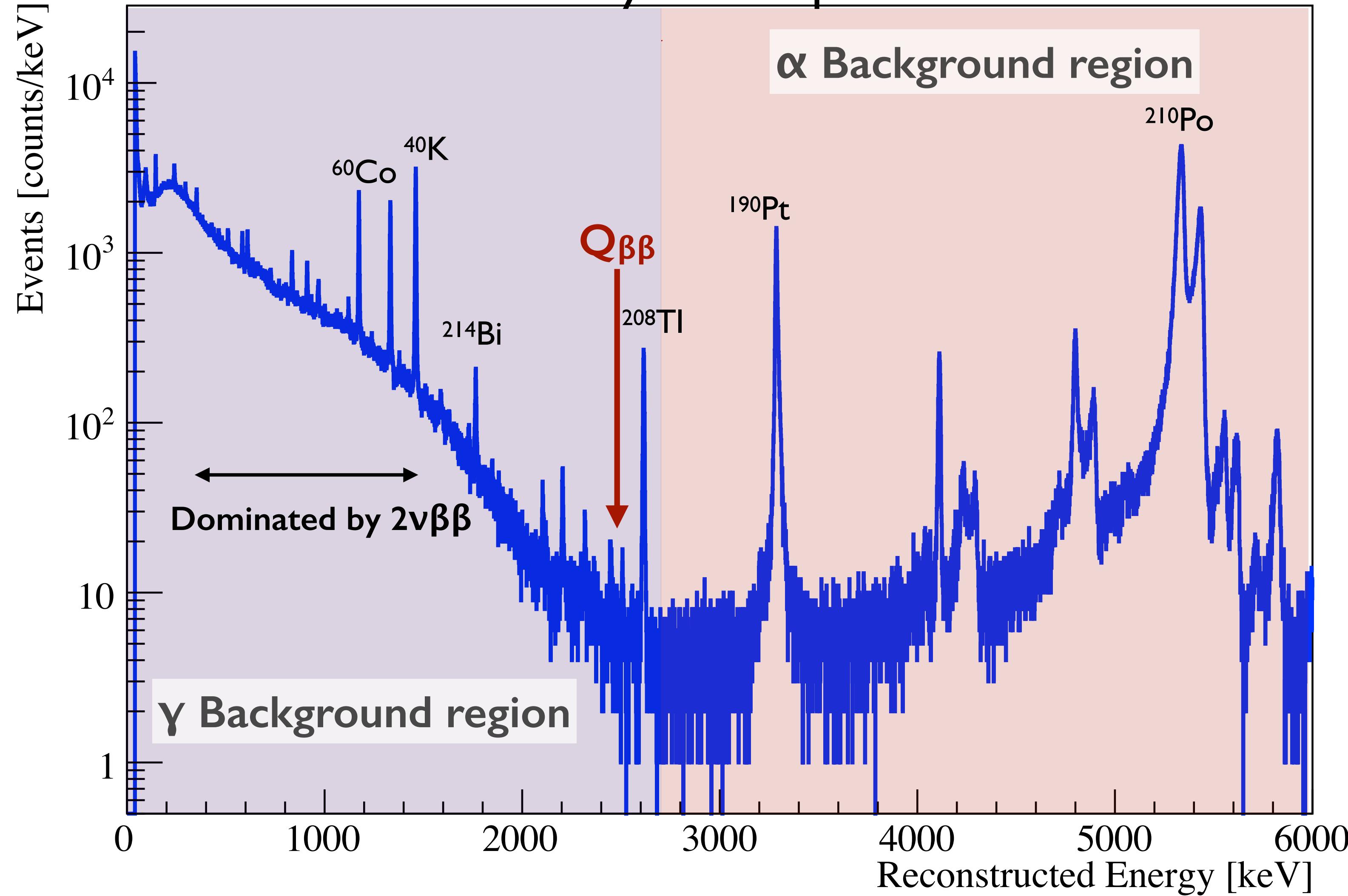
# Analysis Chain: Blinding



- Salting: Randomly move a fraction of events from  $^{208}\text{TI}$  at 2615 keV to  $\text{Q}_{\beta\beta}$  region and vice versa
- Original event energies saved for unblinding
- Unblinding after the full analysis procedure is finalized

# Spectrum

Post analysis cut spectrum



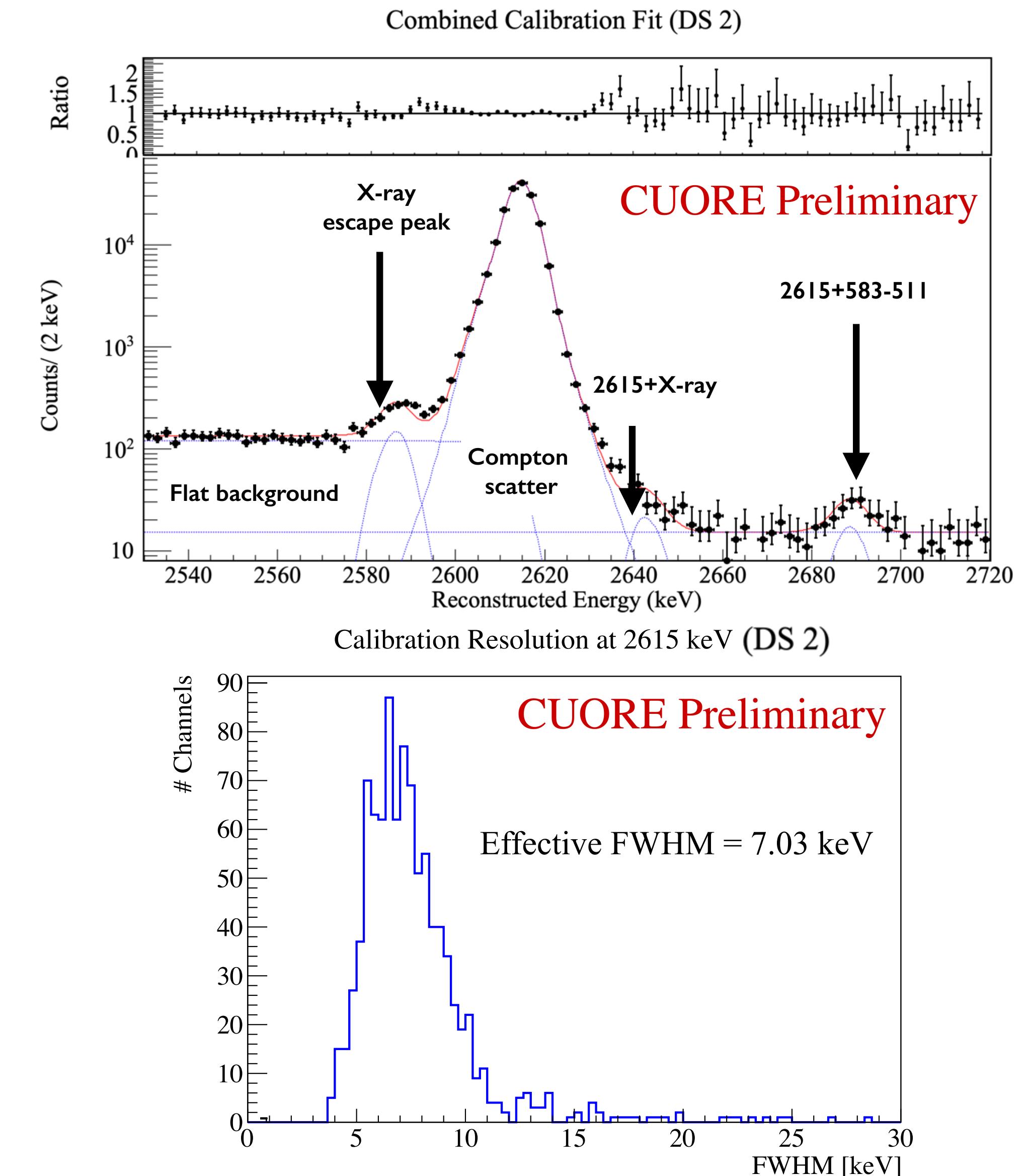
Total spectrum over 7 datasets

# Detector Response

- Response modeled based on a fit to 2615  $^{208}\text{TI}$  peak
- Main peak parametrized by 3  $\gamma$  peaks, X-ray escape, flat background and Compton scatter distribution
- Fit performed over all channels in a tower
- Using the same line shape function, resolution and bias in energy extracted by fitting peaks in physics data
- Extrapolate to  $Q_{\beta\beta}$

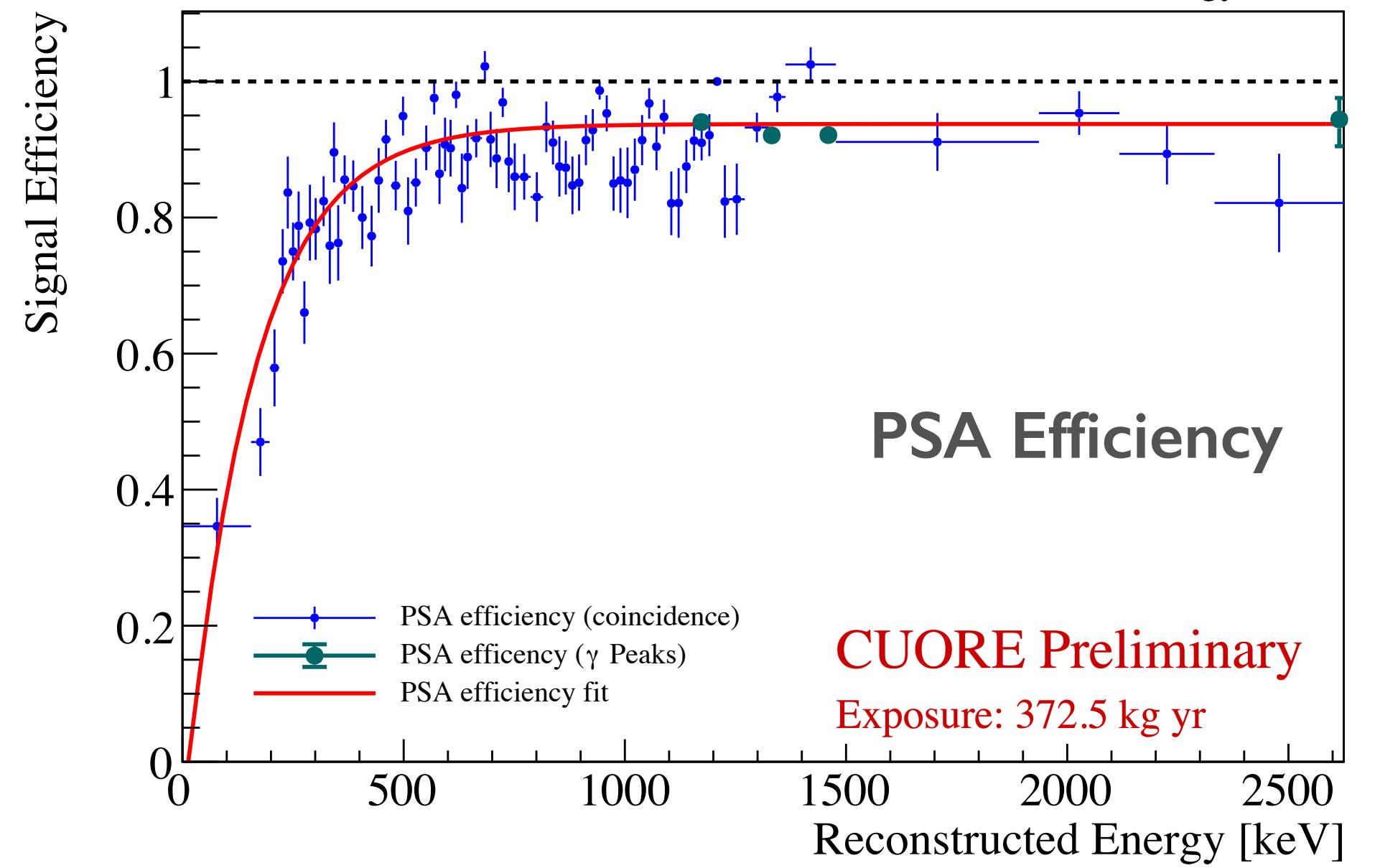
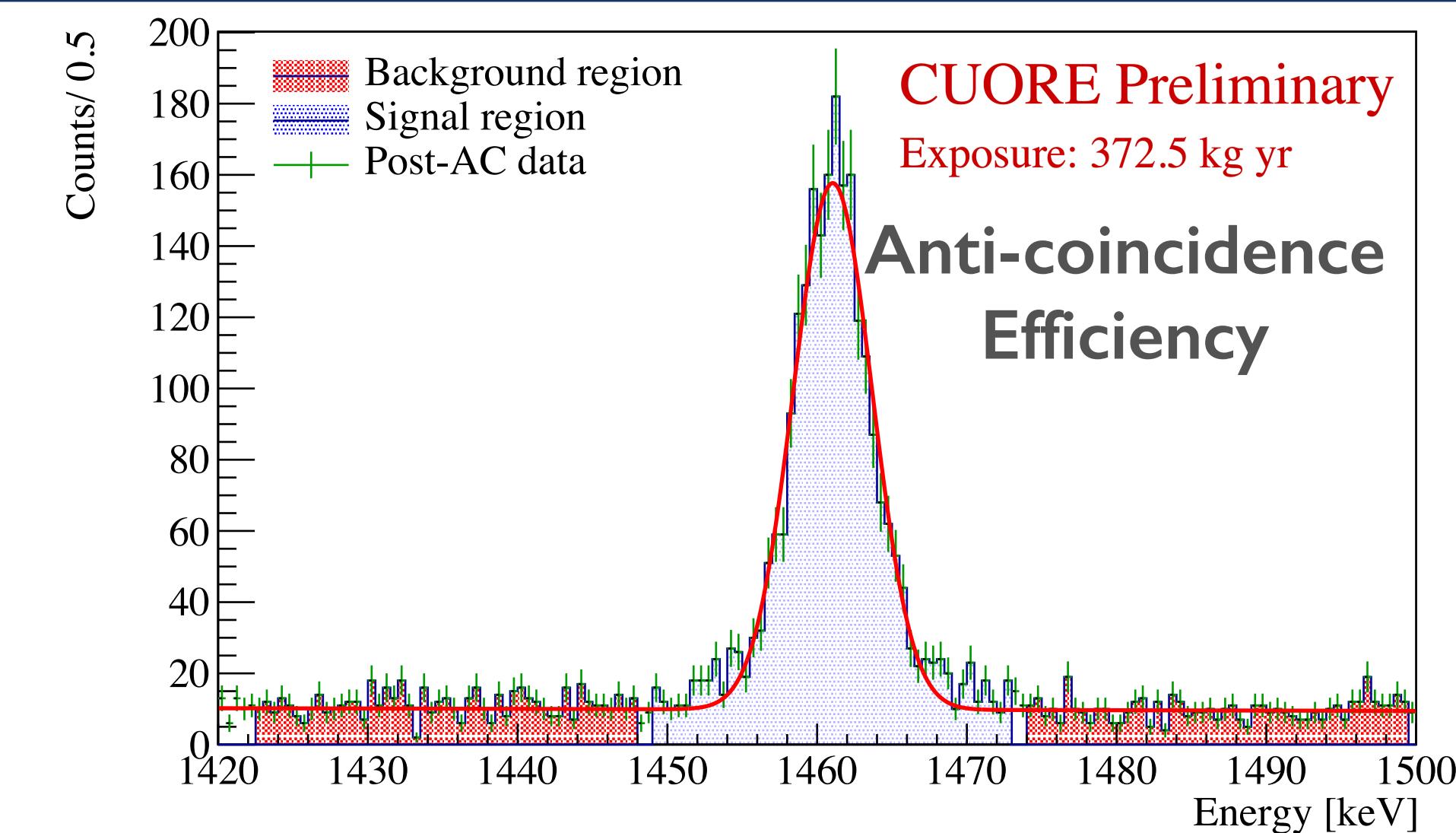
**FWHM at 2615 keV in calibration data - 7.7 keV**

**FWHM at  $Q_{\beta\beta}$  in physics data - 7.0 keV**



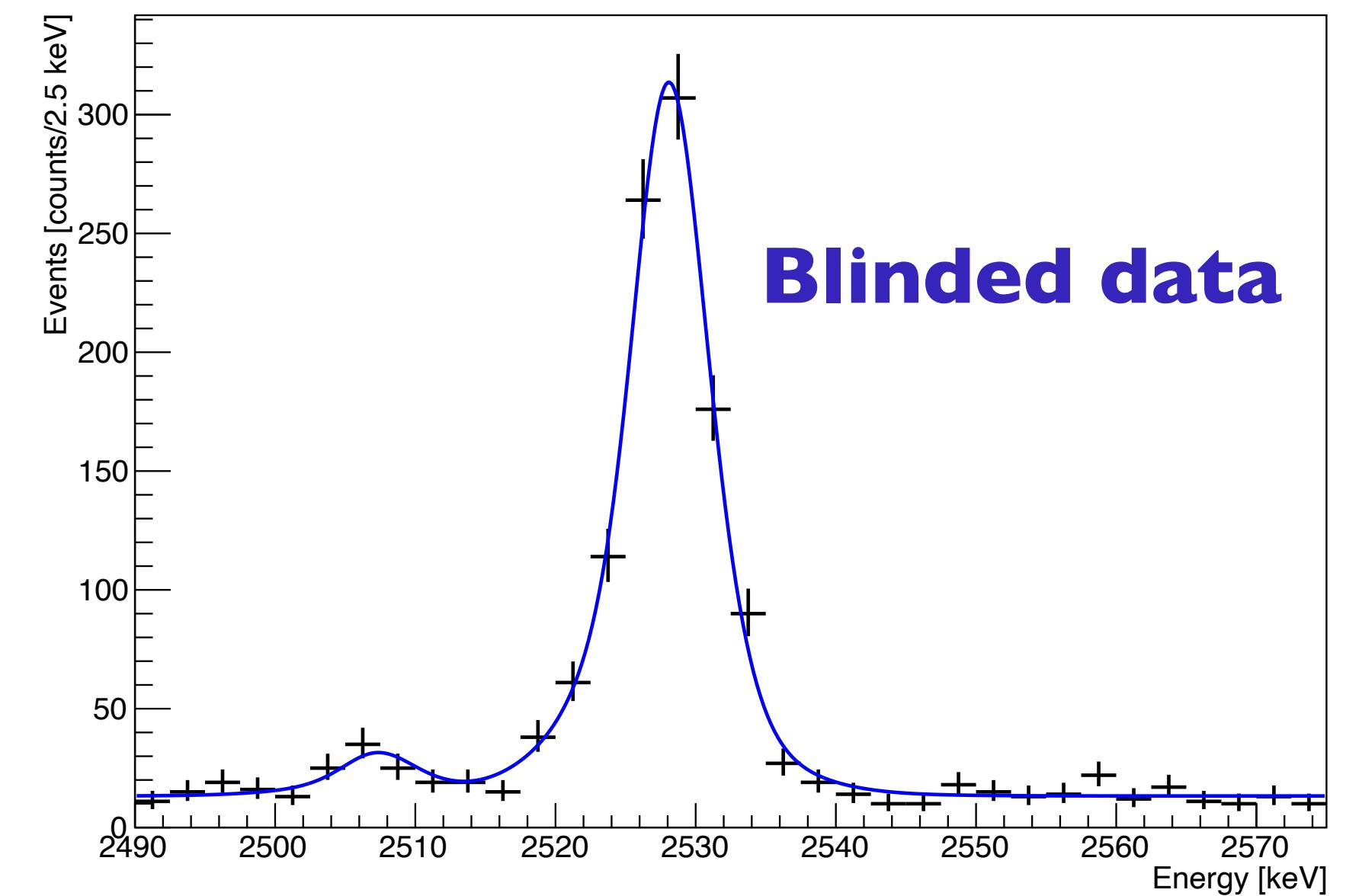
# Efficiencies

|               |  |   |  |             |
|---------------|--|---|--|-------------|
|               | <b>Containment efficiency</b>          | Evaluated with MC simulations   | MC   | 88.35(9) %  |
| Crystal level | <b>Reconstruction efficiency</b>       | Comprises:<br>→ trigger<br>→ event reconstruction<br>→ pile-up identification | Heater   | 95.802(3) % |
| Dataset level | <b>Anti-coincidence efficiency</b>     | Quantifies the probability of properly identifying a single-crystal event     | $^{40}\text{K}$  | 98.7(1) %   |
|               | <b>Pulse-shape analysis efficiency</b> | Fraction of events passing a multi-dimensional cut on 6 pulse-shape variables | M1<br>M2<br>$^{40}\text{K}$<br>$3 \times ^{60}\text{C}$<br>$^{208}\text{TI}$ | 92.6(1) %   |



# Fit Details

- Unbinned Bayesian fit over all datasets
- Uses Bayesian Analysis Toolkit ([BAT](#))
- Fit region [2490, 2575] keV
- Systematics implemented as nuisance parameters
- Fits done separately on each dataset with and without systematics produces consistent results



## Fit parameters:

- $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay rate @ 2527.518 keV
- $^{60}\text{Co}$  sum peak amplitude
- $^{60}\text{Co}$  sum peak position
- Background index (flat)

## Systematics:

- Analysis efficiencies
- Containment efficiency
- Energy scale
- Energy resolution
- $Q_{\beta\beta}$
- $^{130}\text{Te}$  abundance

# Fit to ROI

Average BI from BG only fit =  $(1.38 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-2}$   
counts/(keV · kg · yr)

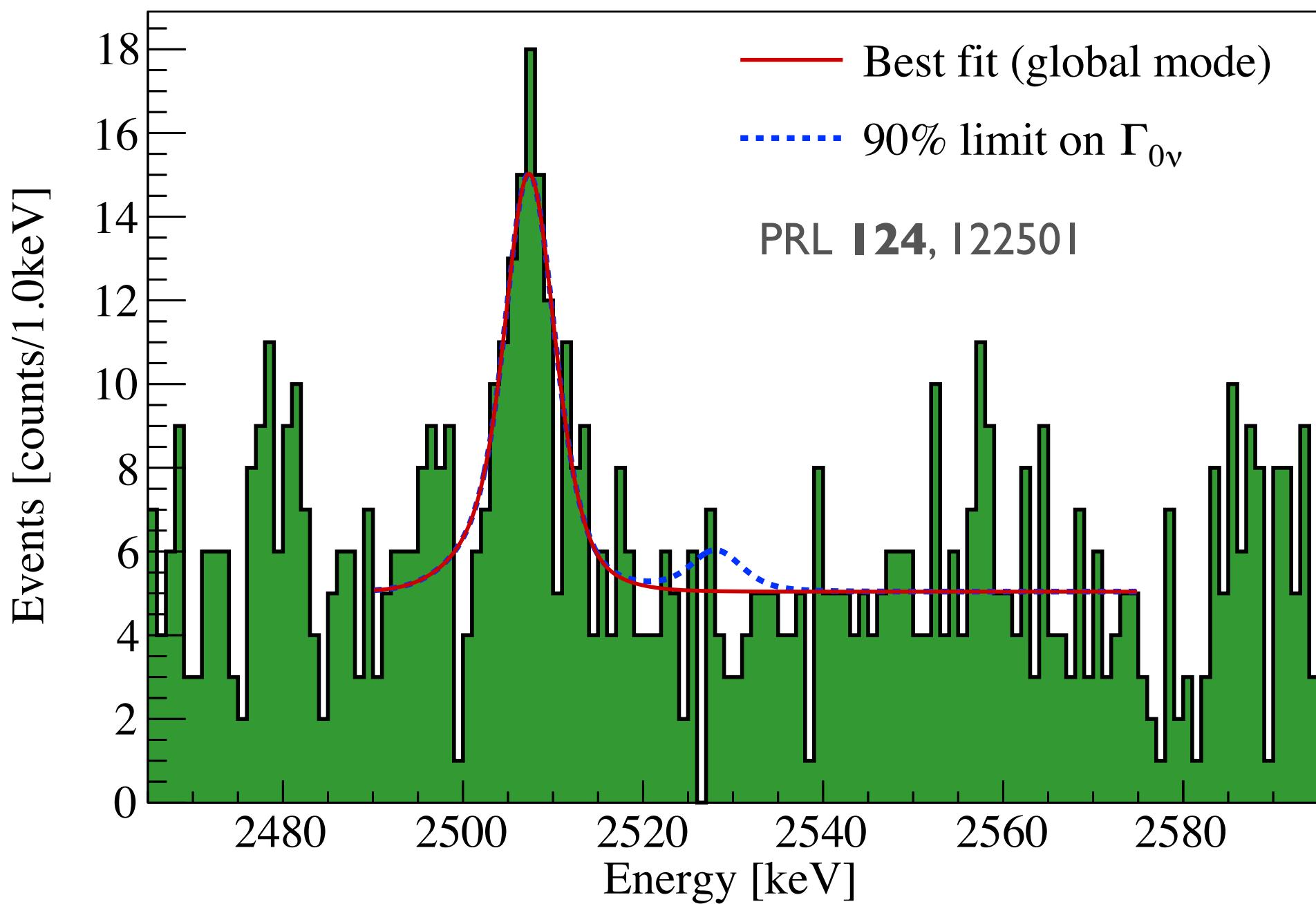
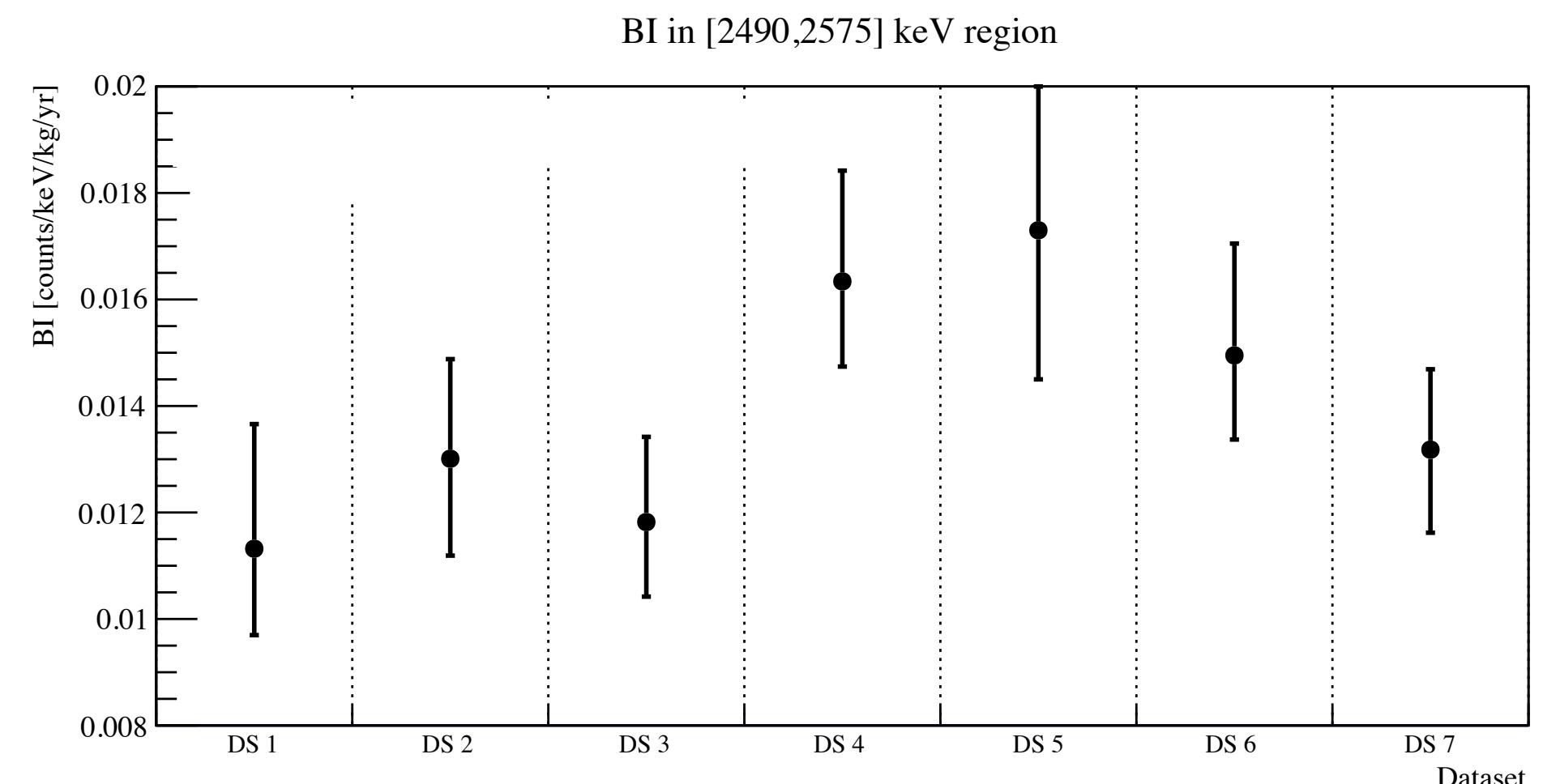
## Sensitivity:

- Bkg-only model used to generate MC datasets and fit them to signal + bkg model
- Median exclusion sensitivity:  $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} = 1.7 \cdot 10^{25} \text{ yr}$

## Results:

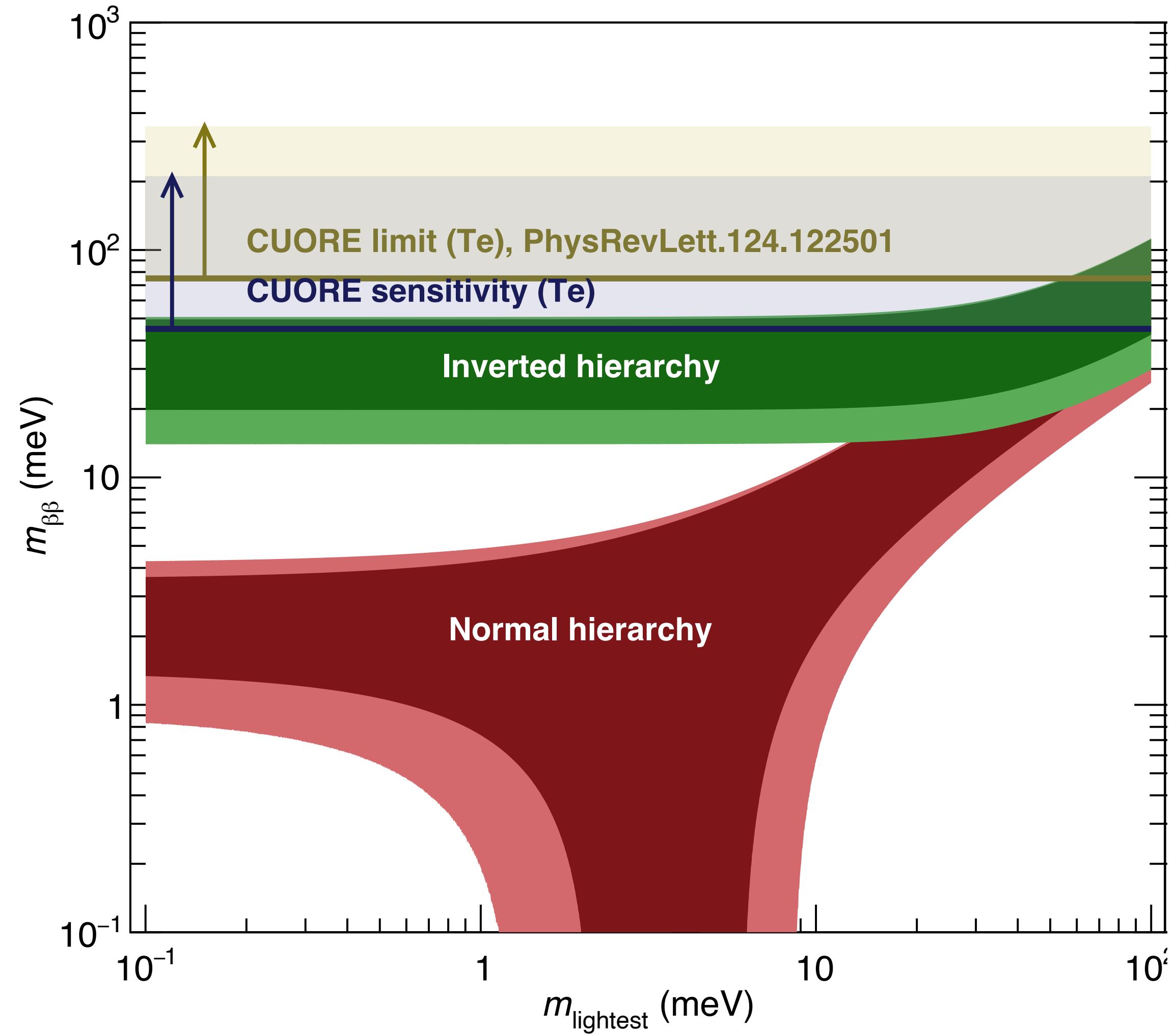
- No evidence of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  Best fit decay =  $0 \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 3.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ yr}$  at 90% C.I

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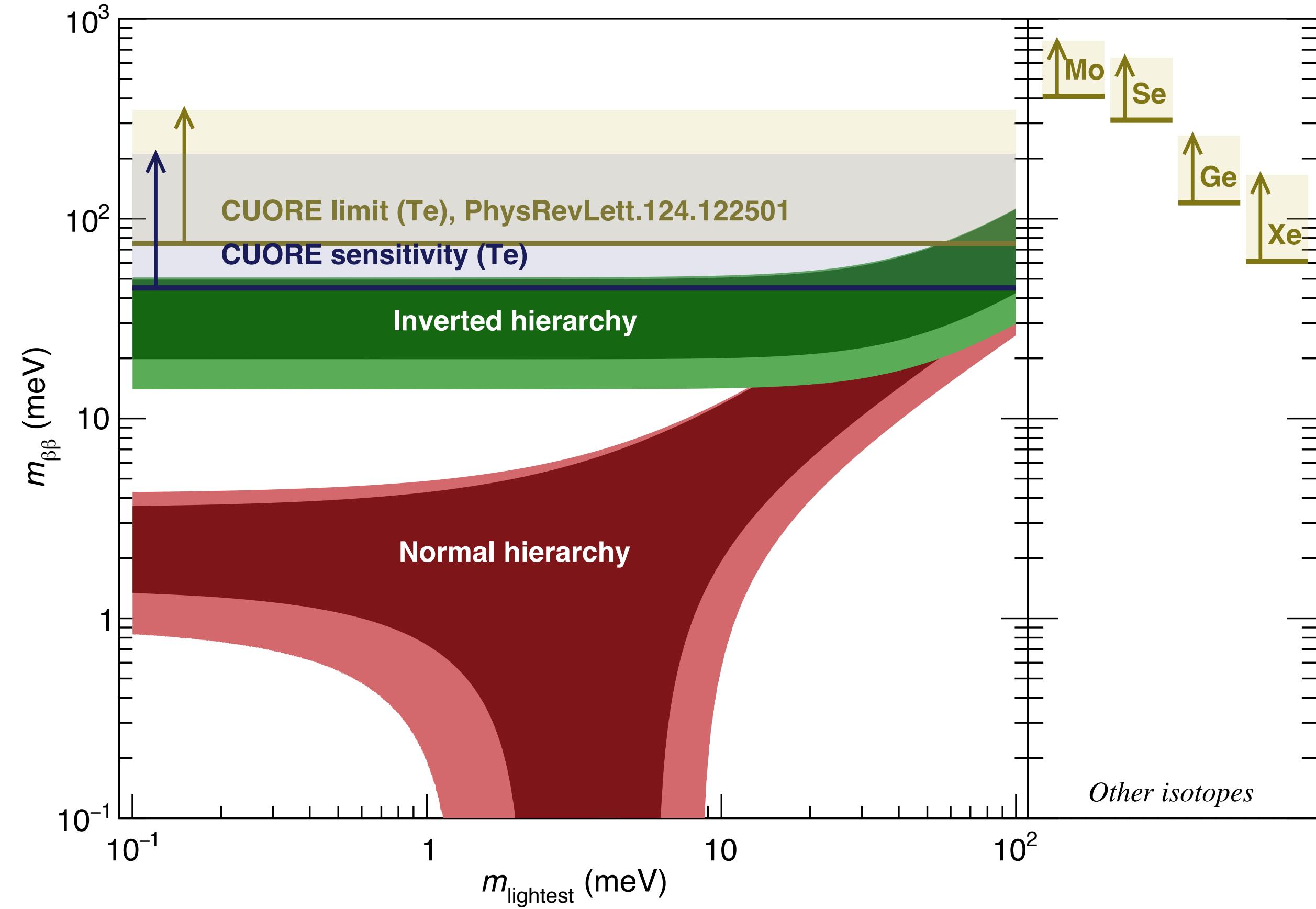
# Limit on Effective Majorana Mass

- $T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 3.2 \times 10^{25}$  yr at 90% C.I
- Probability of getting a stronger limit is  $\sim 3\%$
- Assuming light neutrino exchange:  
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 75 - 350$  meV
- Uncertainties in nuclear matrix elements determines the range



# CUORE Summary

- Calorimetric detector with excellent resolution
- CUORE started data taking in 2017
- Stable data taking since early 2019 at 50kg.yr/month
- >917 kg.yr data collected so far
- 372.5 kg.yr data analyzed
- Updated  ${}^{130}\text{Te } T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 3.2 \times 10^{25}$  yr and  $m_{\beta\beta} < 75 - 350$  meV
- Sensitivity (5 yr data taking):  
 ${}^{130}\text{Te } T^{0\nu}_{1/2} > 9.0 \times 10^{25}$  yr  
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 50 - 130$  meV



# Backgrounds in CUORE

$$a \varepsilon \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{B \Delta E}}$$

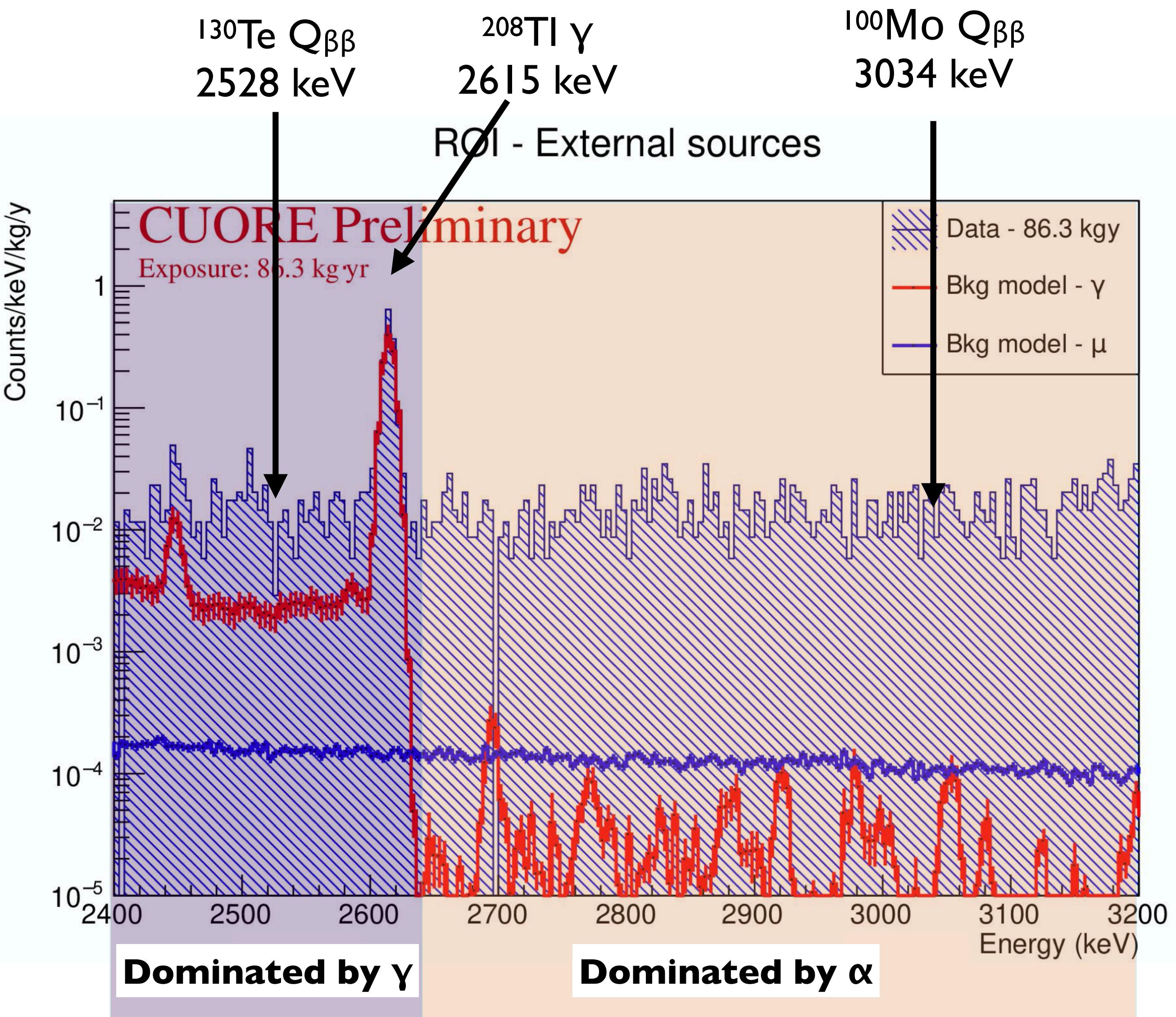
Reduce backgrounds to further improve sensitivity

## Backgrounds:

- Below 2615 keV dominated by  $\gamma$
- Above 2615 keV, primarily from  $\alpha$ s (U/Th contamination)
- Next dominant background muons

## Reducing backgrounds:

- Move to higher energy  $> 2615$  keV
- Eliminate  $\alpha$  backgrounds (By discrimination)
- Reduce muon backgrounds (Active veto)





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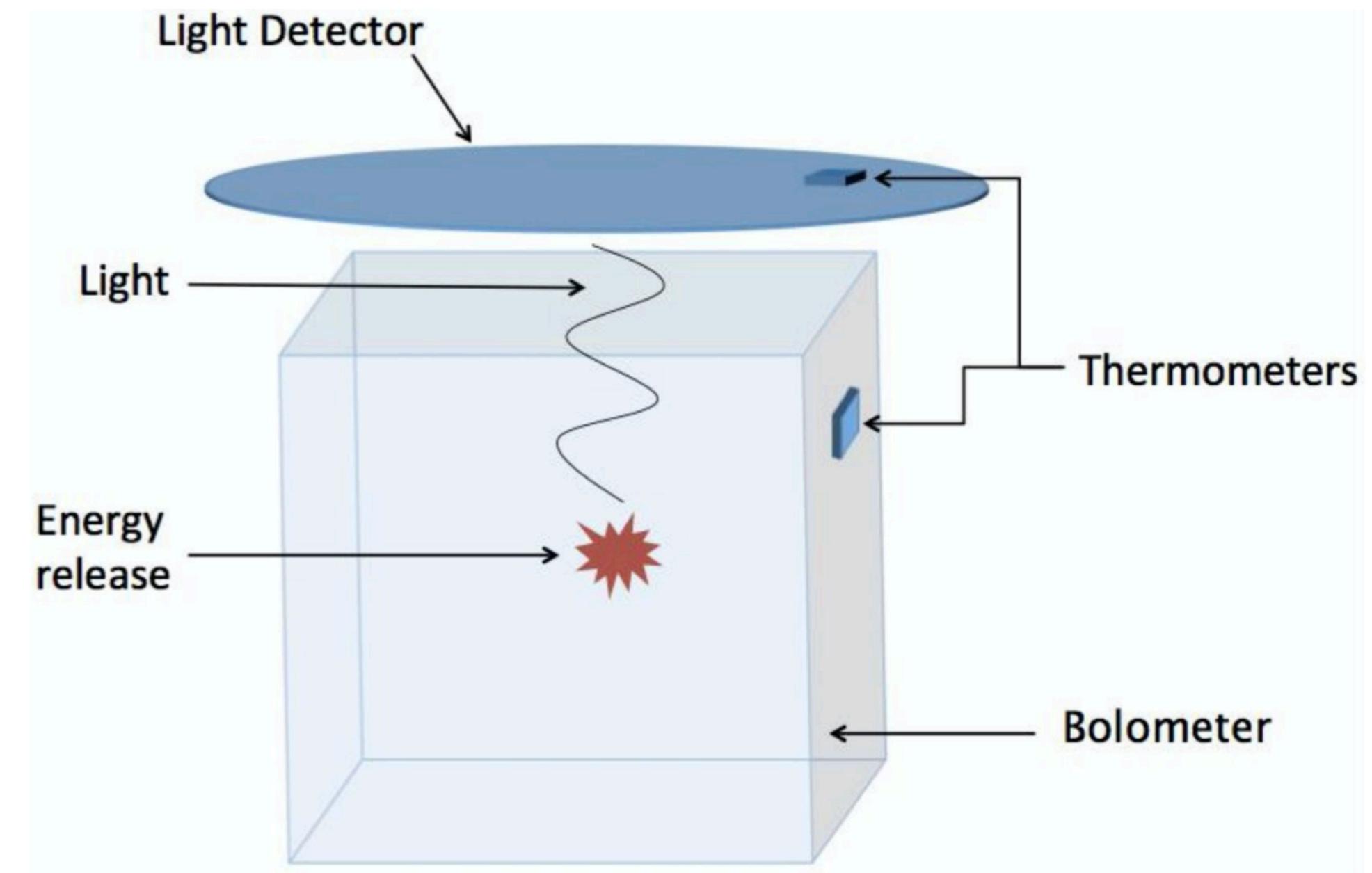
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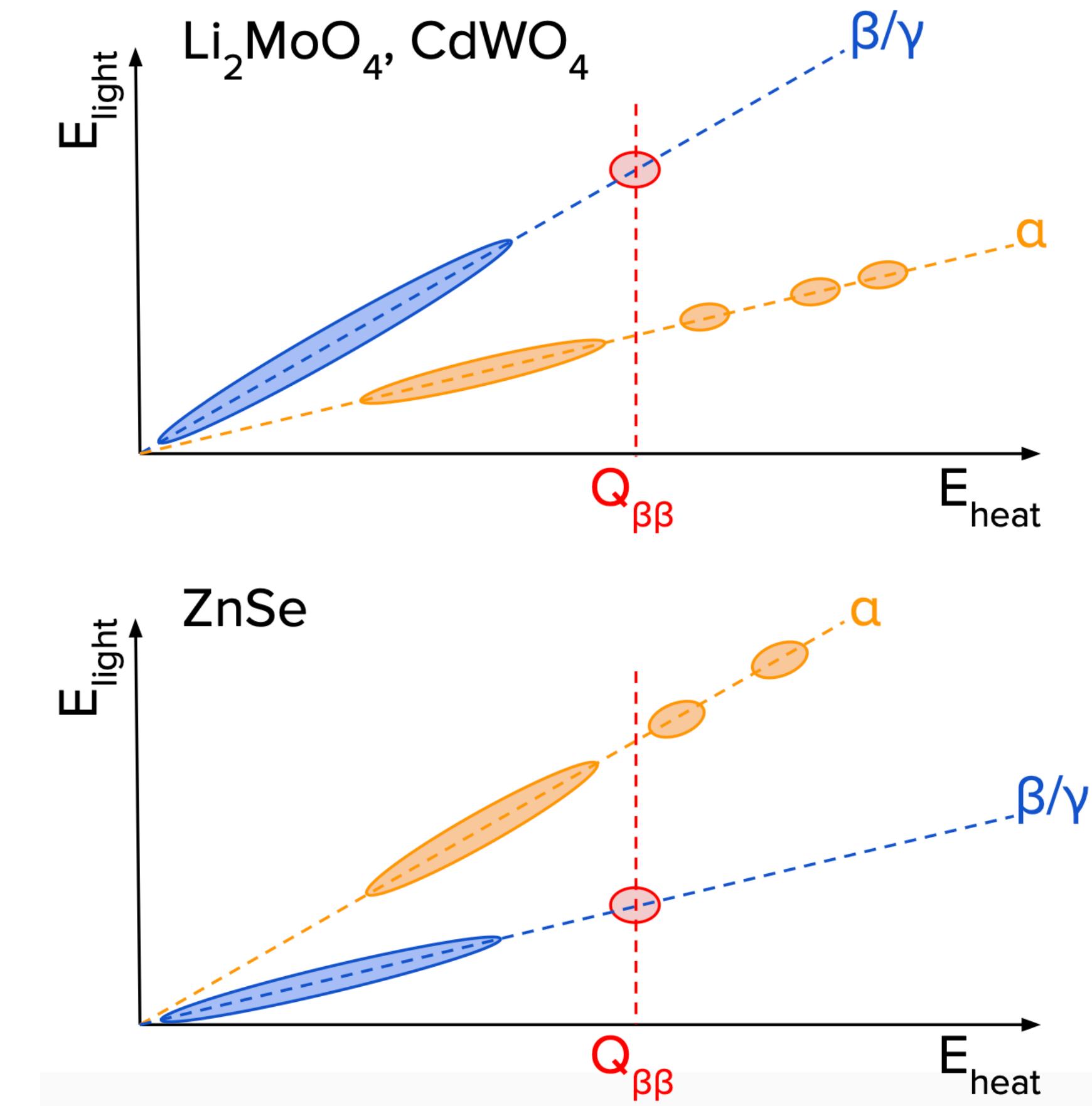
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# CUPID:The Concept



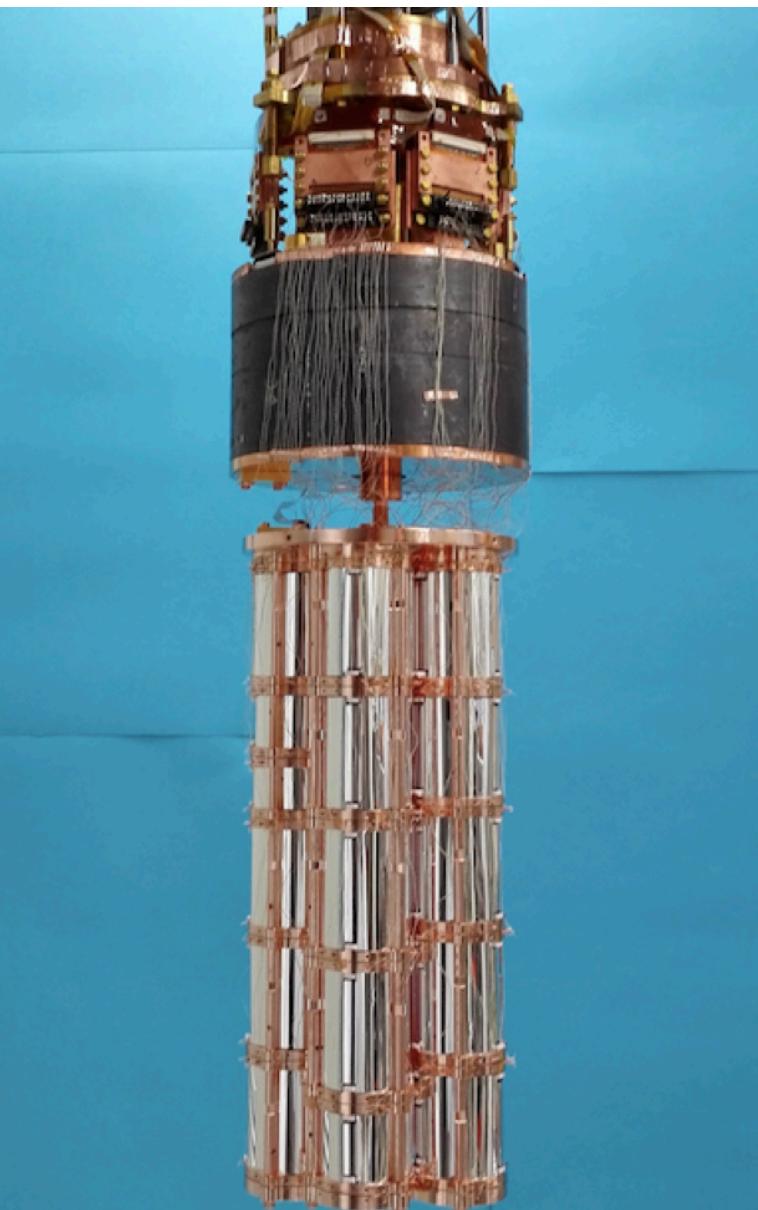
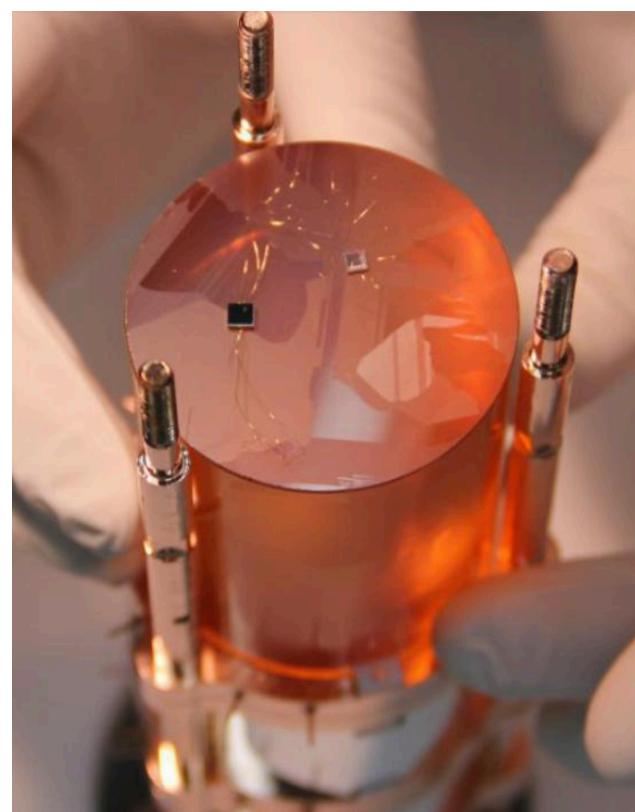
- Measure heat and light from energy deposition:  
Heat is particle independent, but light yield depends on particle type
- Add a light detector to crystal
- Actively discriminate using measured light yield



# Prototype Demonstrators: Precursors to CUPID

## CUPID-0:

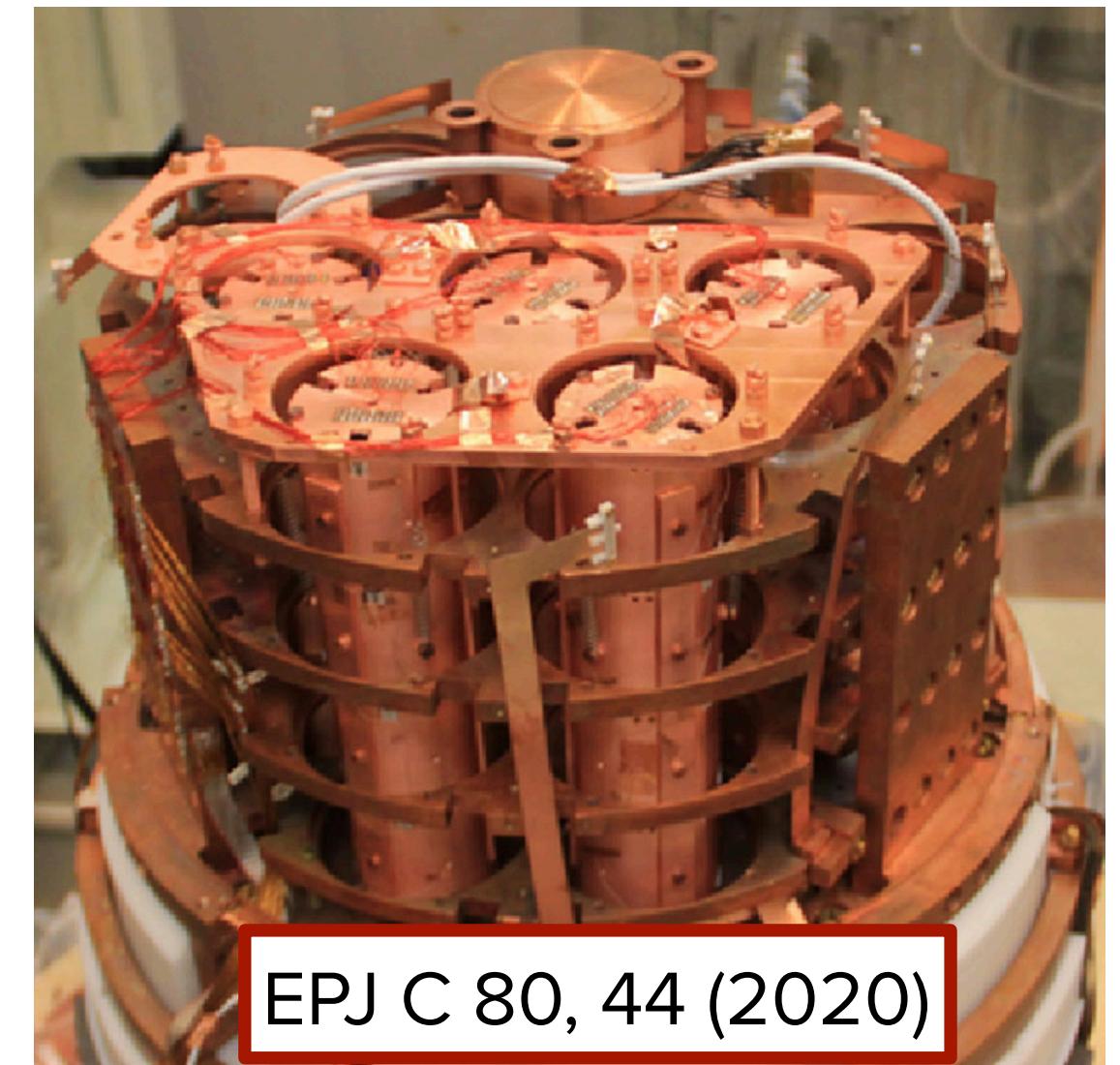
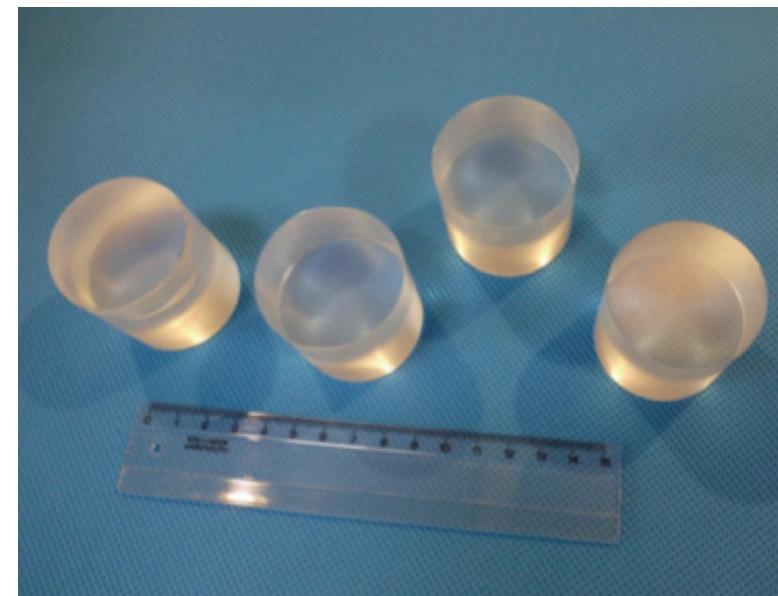
- Located in the CUORE-0 cryostat at LNGS, Italy
- 24 Zn<sup>82</sup>Se (95% enrichment) + 2 Zn<sup>nat</sup>Se crystals  
- 5.17 kg of <sup>82</sup>Se
- Ge light detectors and NTD thermistors



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## CUPID Mo:

- Located in the LSM, France
- 20 enriched Li<sub>2</sub><sup>100</sup>MoO<sub>4</sub> (97% enrichment) crystals  
- 2.26 kg of <sup>100</sup>Mo
- Ge light detectors and NTD thermistors

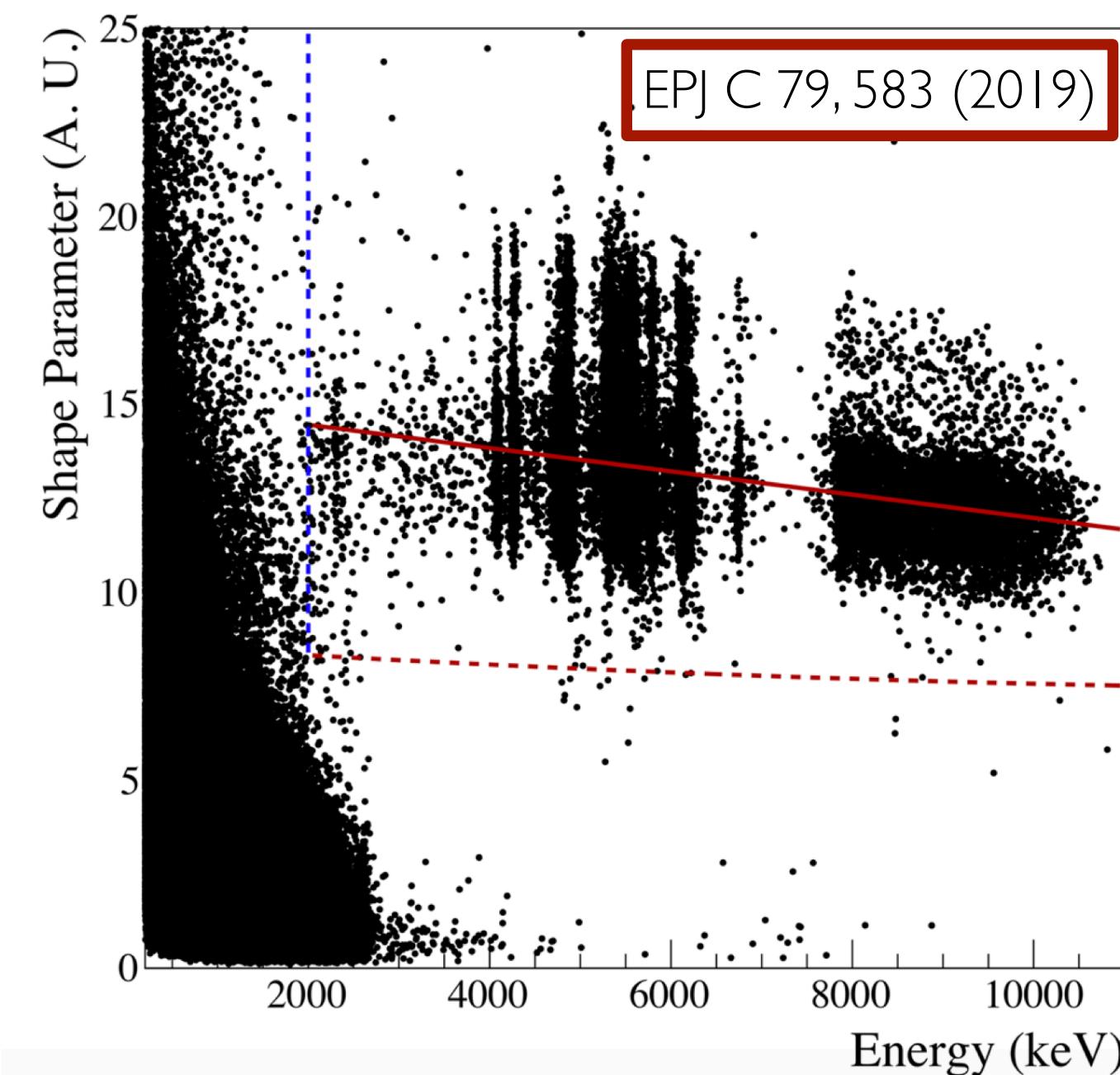


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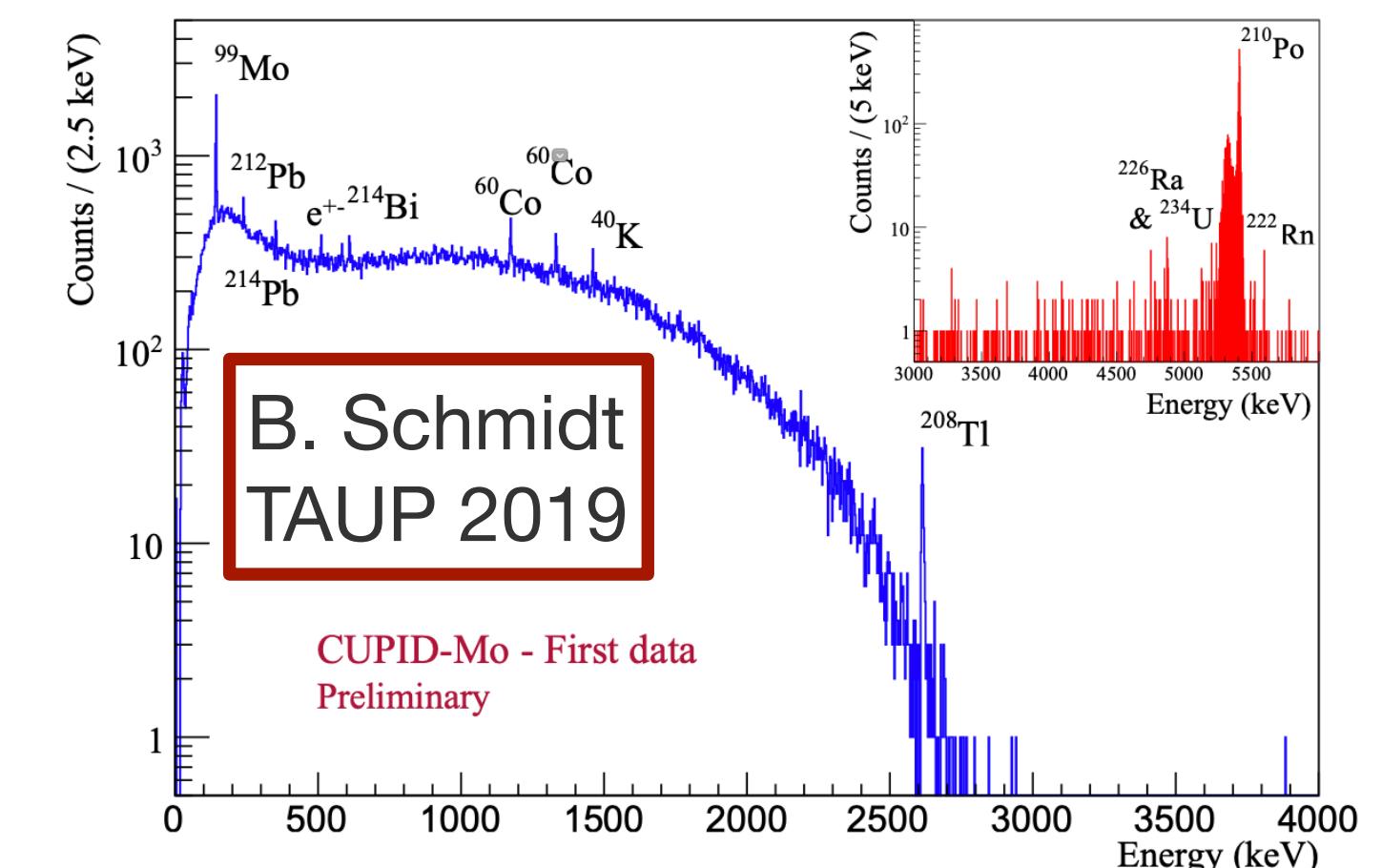
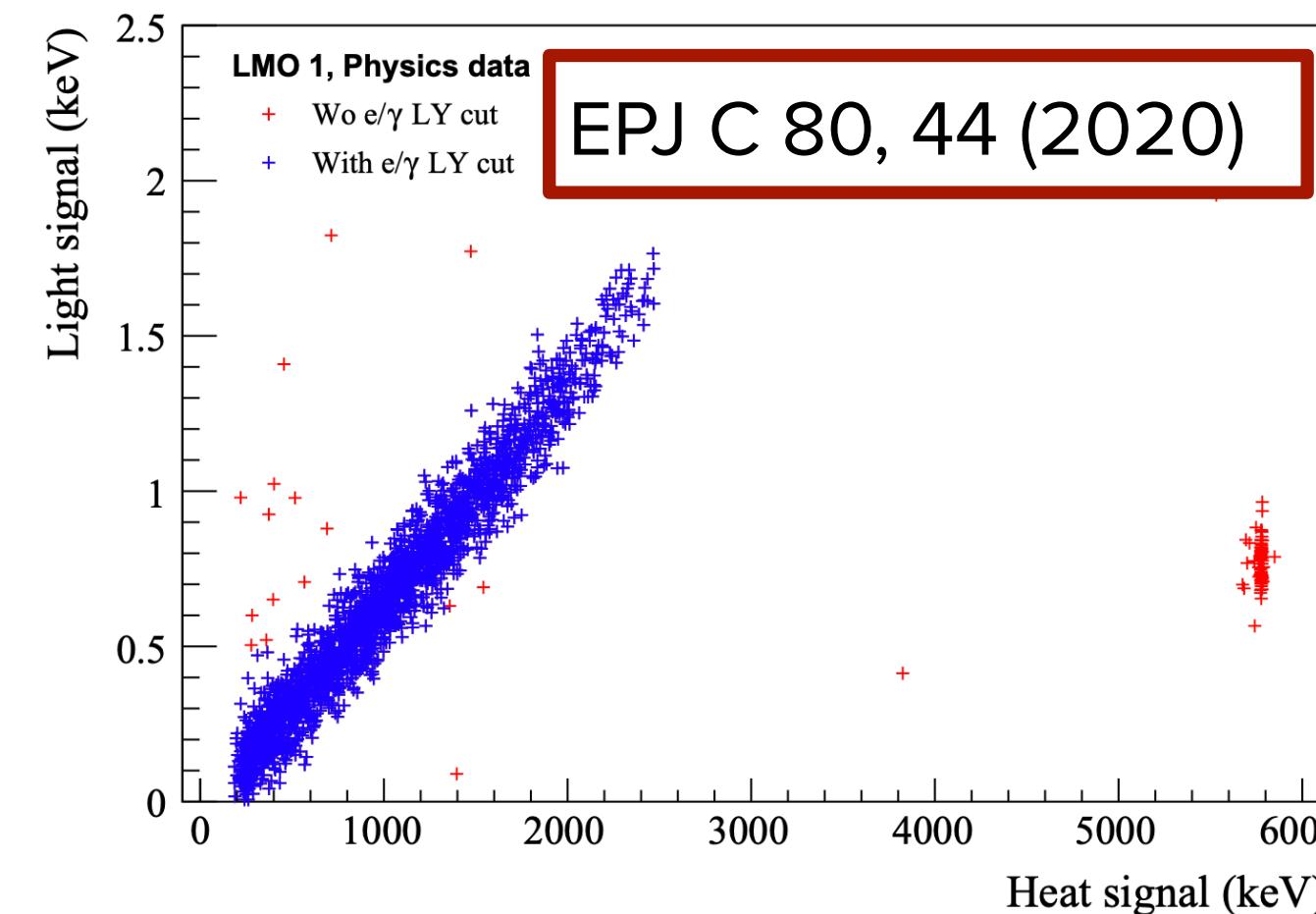
## CUPID-0 (5.29 kg.yr):

- Resolution of  $Q_{\beta\beta} 20.05 \pm 0.34$  keV
- Background in ROI:  $3.5 \times 10^{-3}$  cts/(keV.kg .yr )
- $T_{1/2} > 3.5 \times 10^{24}$  yr and  $m_{\beta\beta} < (311 - 638)$  meV



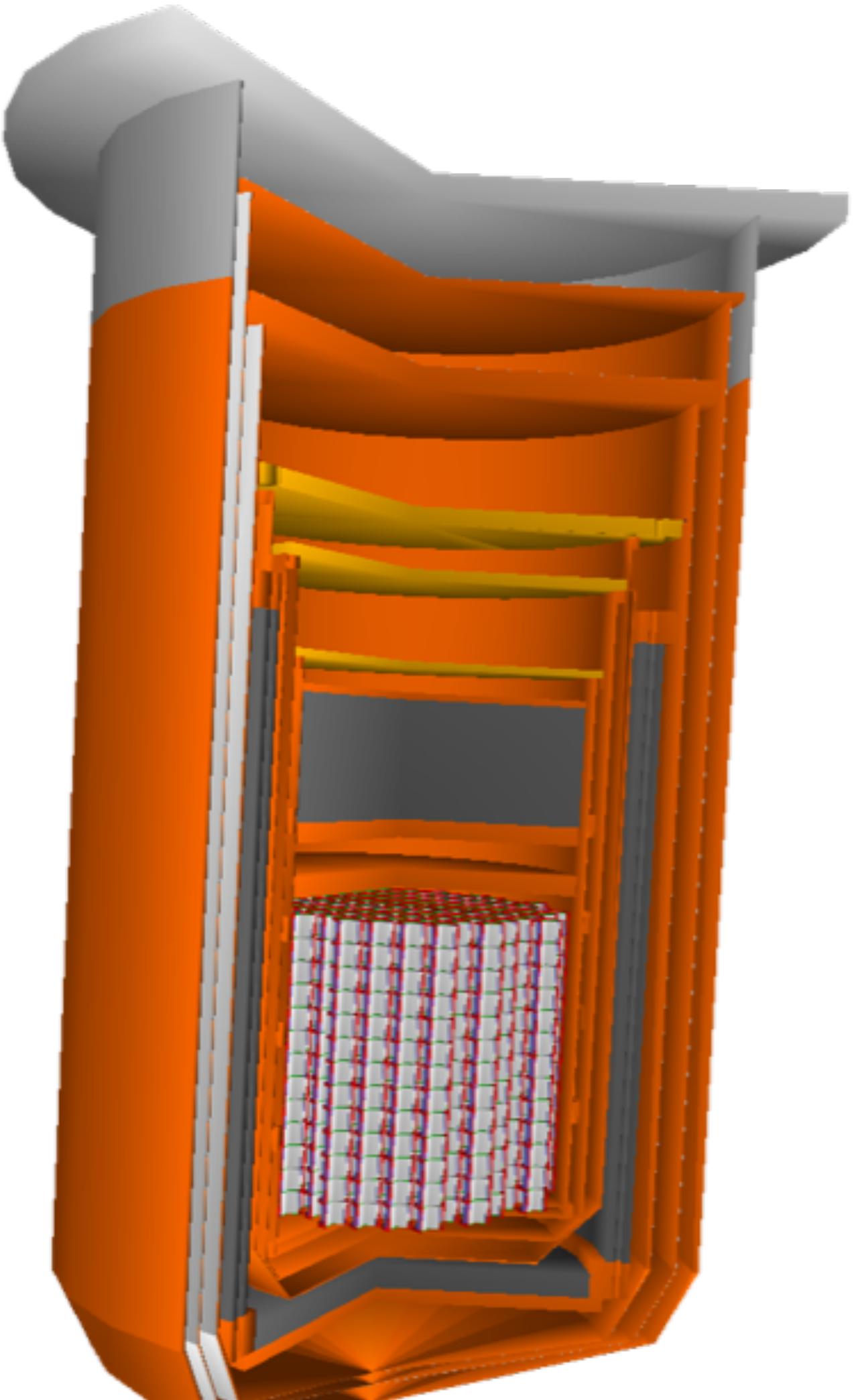
## CUPID Mo (0.5 kg.yr):

- Resolution of 6.5 keV @ 2615 keV
- No background events in ROI
- $T_{1/2} > 3.0 \times 10^{23}$  yr



# CUPID Plans

- Use CUORE infrastructure
- $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  scintillating crystals
- Opportunity to explore more isotopes
  - $\text{TeO}_2$
  - $\text{ZnSe}$
  - $\text{Li}_2\text{MoO}_4$
  - $\text{CdWO}_4$
- Modest cost compared to the other next generation experiments
- Schedule driven by  $^{100}\text{Mo}$  enrichment (expected ~4 years)
- TDR and construction readiness for the end of 2021
- Pre-CDR available [arXiv:1907.09376](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.09376)

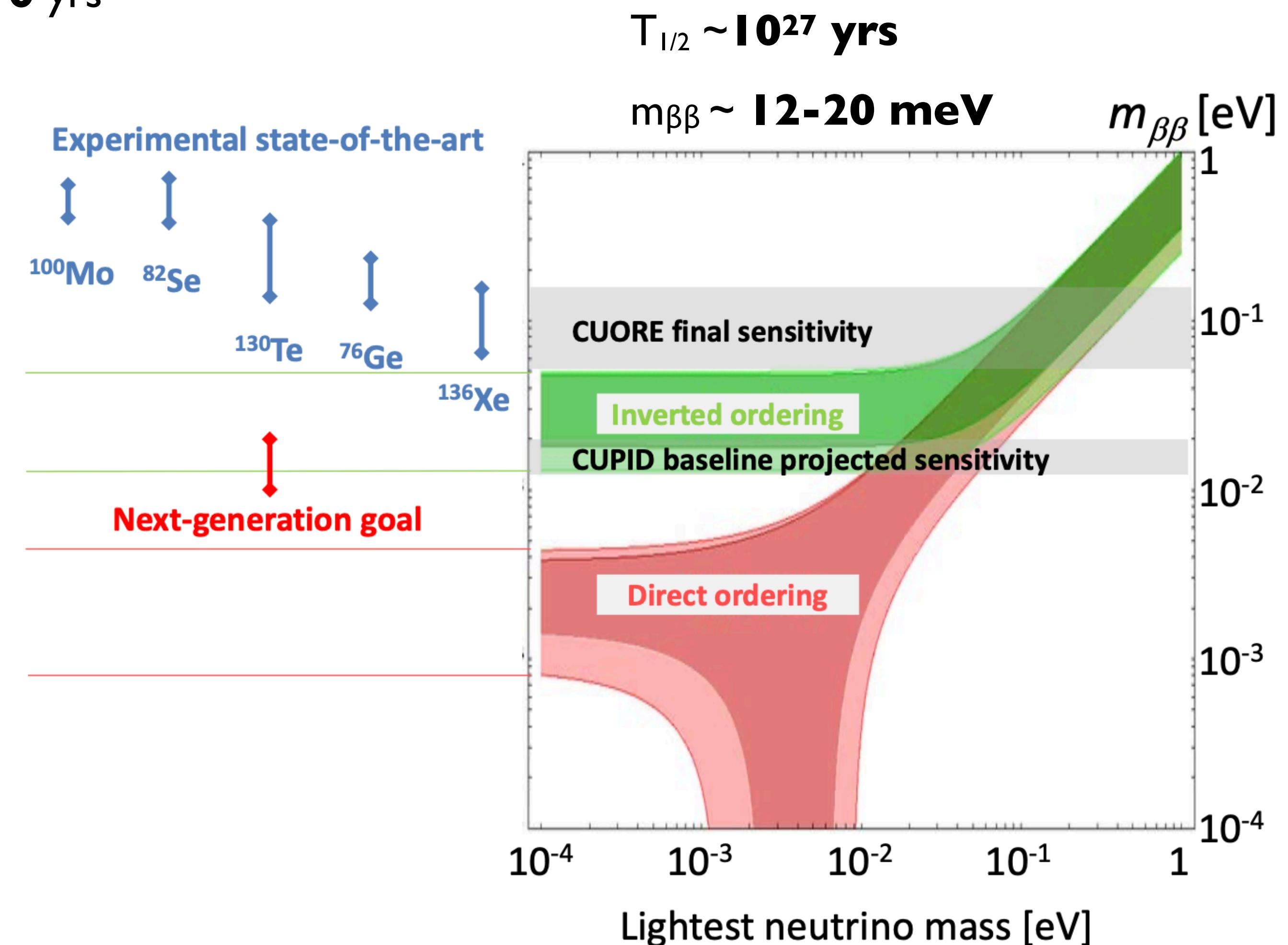


**CUPID Schematic**

# CUPID Sensitivity

CUPID Baseline:

- Mass: 472 kg (**253 Kg**) of  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4(^{100}\text{Mo})$  for **10 yrs**
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Ultimate bolometer sensitivity:

1000 kg of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$

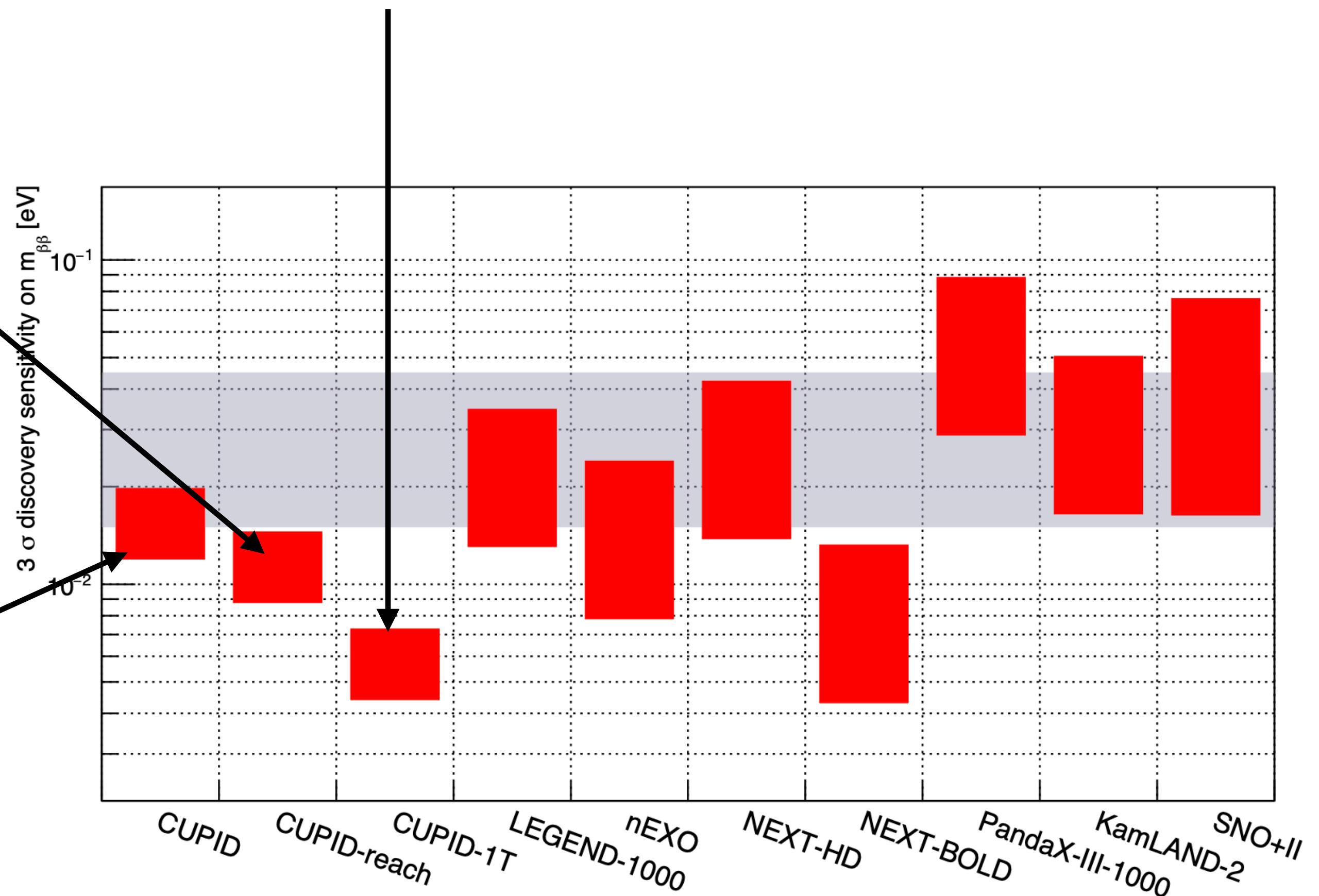
Discovery sensitivity  $T_{1/2} > 8 \times 10^{27} \text{ yr} (3\sigma)$

More R&D for further background reduction by  
radio purity and higher bandwidth sensors

Discovery sensitivity  $T_{1/2} > 2 \times 10^{27} \text{ yr} (3\sigma)$

Conservative (Can build today)

Discovery sensitivity  $T_{1/2} > 1.1 \times 10^{27} \text{ yr} (3\sigma)$



# Summary

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- Large scale calorimetric approach to search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  demonstrated using CUORE
- Ton scale cryogenic infrastructure and instrumentation demonstrated
- Excellent energy resolution and background reduction demonstrated using CUORE
- CUPID will perform one of the most sensitive searches for  $0\nu\beta\beta$



# CUORE Details

Bayes theorem:  $P(\vec{\theta}|\vec{E}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta})}{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta}}$

Likelihood:  $\mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) = \prod_{dataset} \prod_{channel} \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \prod_{event} \left( \frac{s}{\lambda} pdf_{0\nu\beta\beta}(E_i|\vec{\theta}) + \frac{c}{\lambda} pdf_{^{60}Co}(E_i|\vec{\theta}) + \frac{b}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\Delta E} \right) \right]$

Expectation value:  $\lambda = s + c + b$

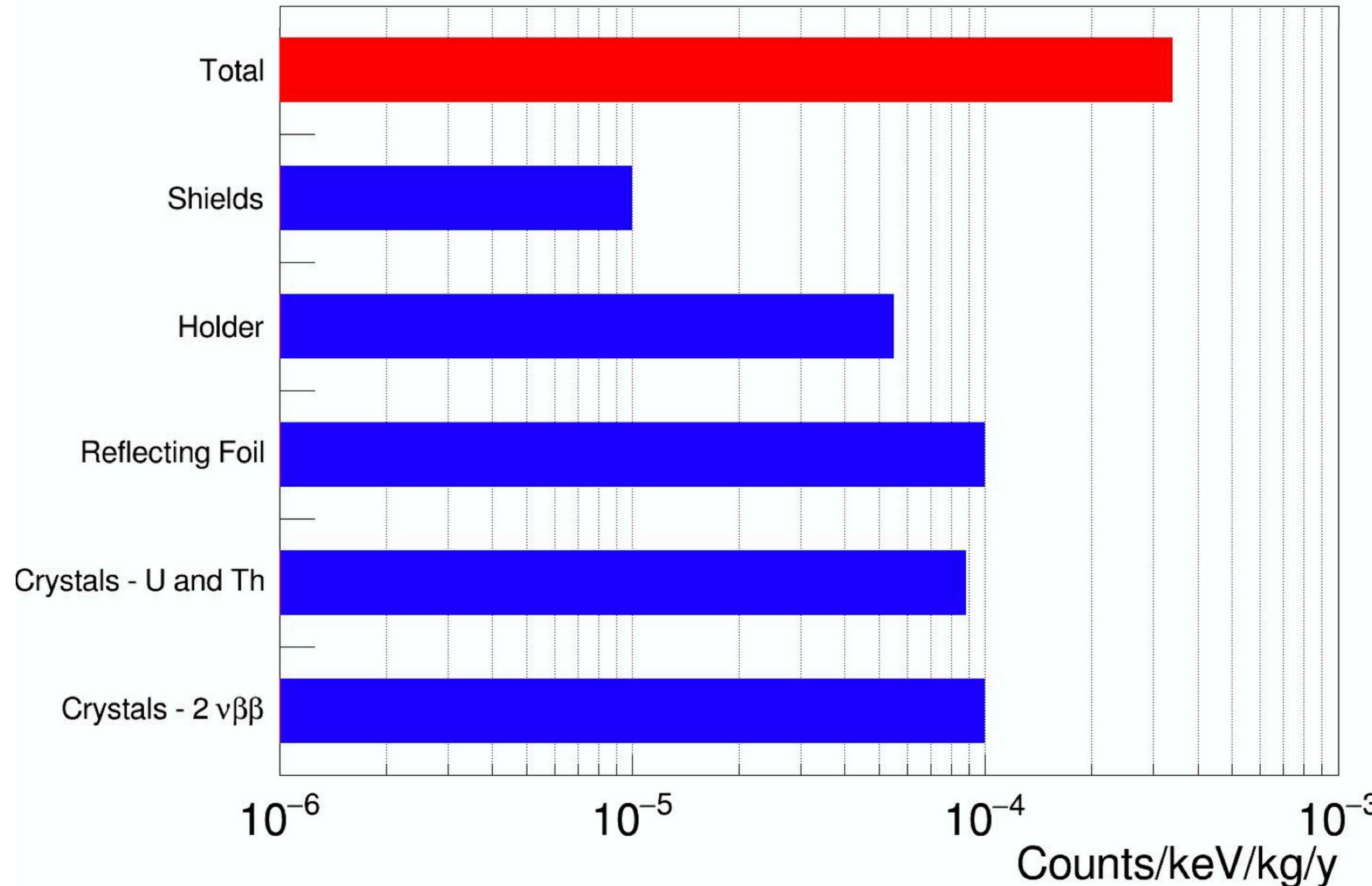
Width of fit region:  $\Delta E$

## Systematics implemented as nuisance parameters

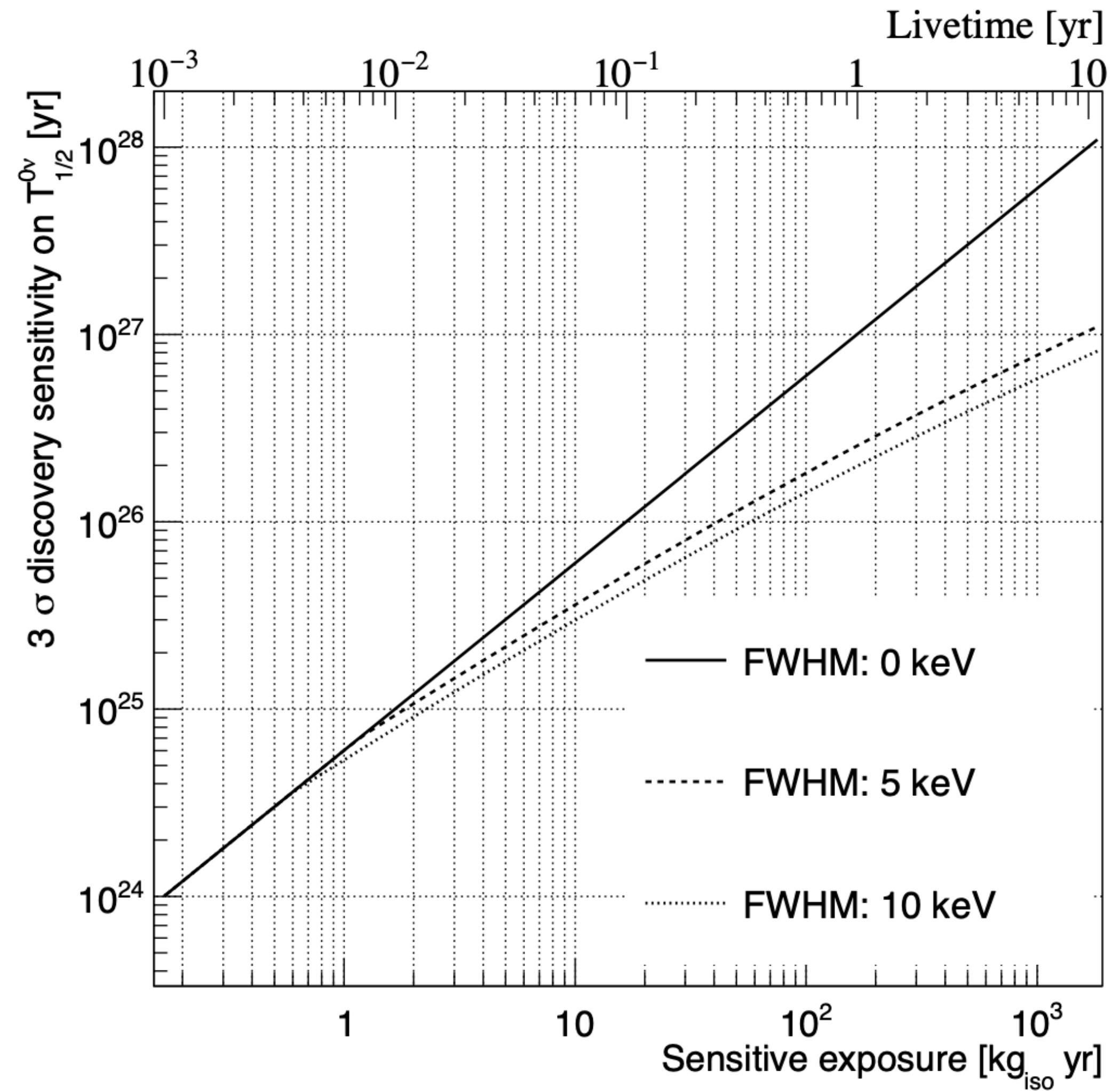
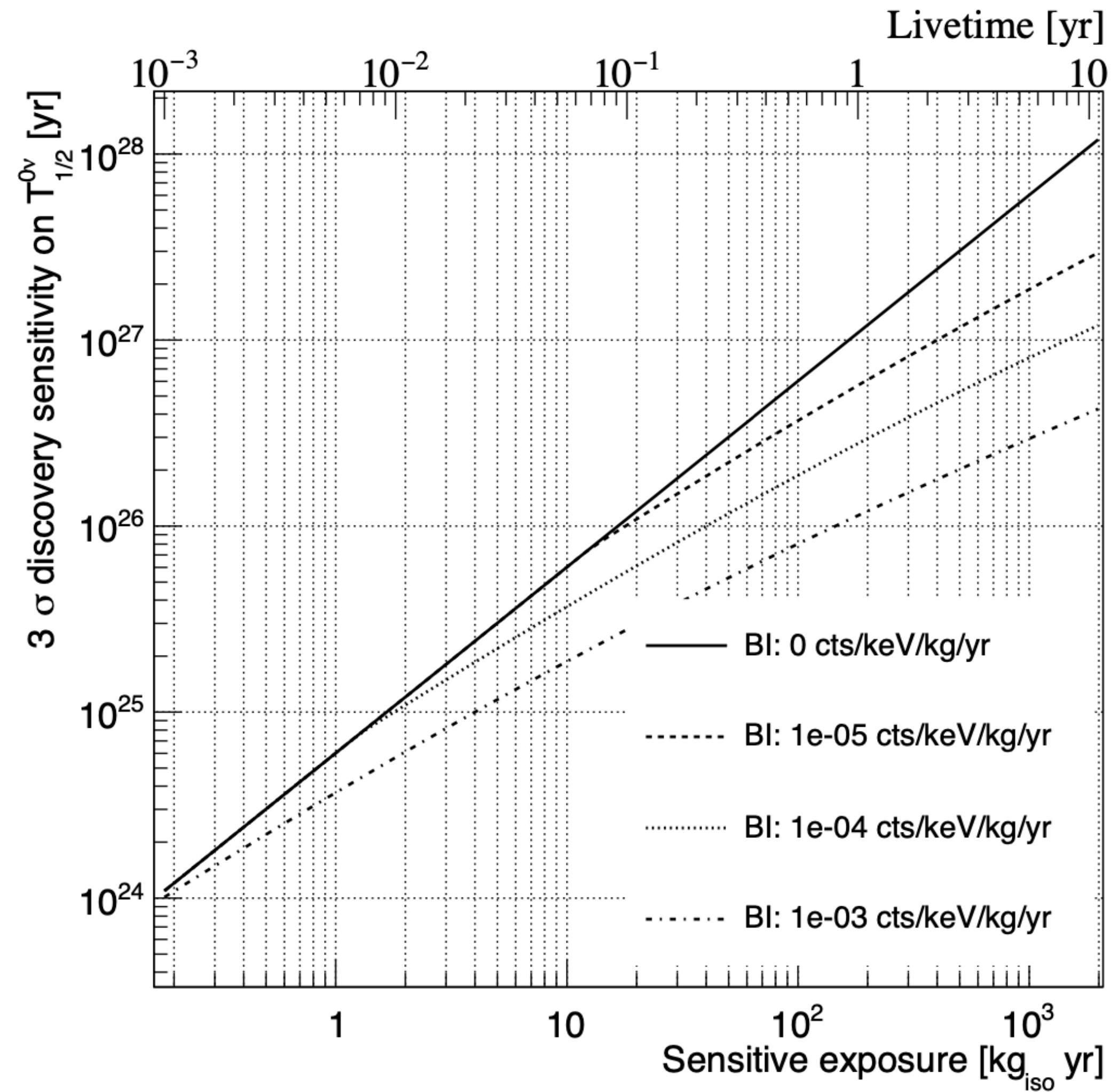
| Parameter   | Dependence | Method  |
|---|------------|---|
| <b>Analysis efficiency I</b>                          | Dataset    | Gaussian  |
| <b>Analysis efficiency II</b>                         | Global     | Flat in [0.981, 1.021] range  |
| <b>Energy bias</b>                                    | Dataset    | Fit residuals of peaks in physics spectrum from literature values with 2 <sup>nd</sup> order polynomial |
| <b>Energy resolution</b>                              | Dataset    | Fit ratio of FWHM in physics and calibration data with 2 <sup>nd</sup> order polynomial                 |
| <b><math>Q_{\beta\beta}</math></b>                    | Global     | Gaussian, 2527.518(13) keV  |
| <b><math>^{130}\text{Te}</math> isotopic fraction</b> | Global     | Gaussian, 34.1668(16)%  |

| Fit parameter systematics     |              |                                 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Systematic                    | Prior        | Effect on $\hat{\Gamma}_{0\nu}$ |
| Total analysis efficiency I   | Gaussian     | 0.01%                           |
| Total analysis efficiency II  | Uniform      | 0.04%                           |
| Containment efficiency        | Gaussian     | 0.01%                           |
| Energy and resolution scaling | Multivariate | 0.02%                           |
| $Q_{\beta\beta}$              | Gaussian     | 0.02%                           |
| Isotopic fraction             | Gaussian     | 0.02%                           |

# CUPID Background



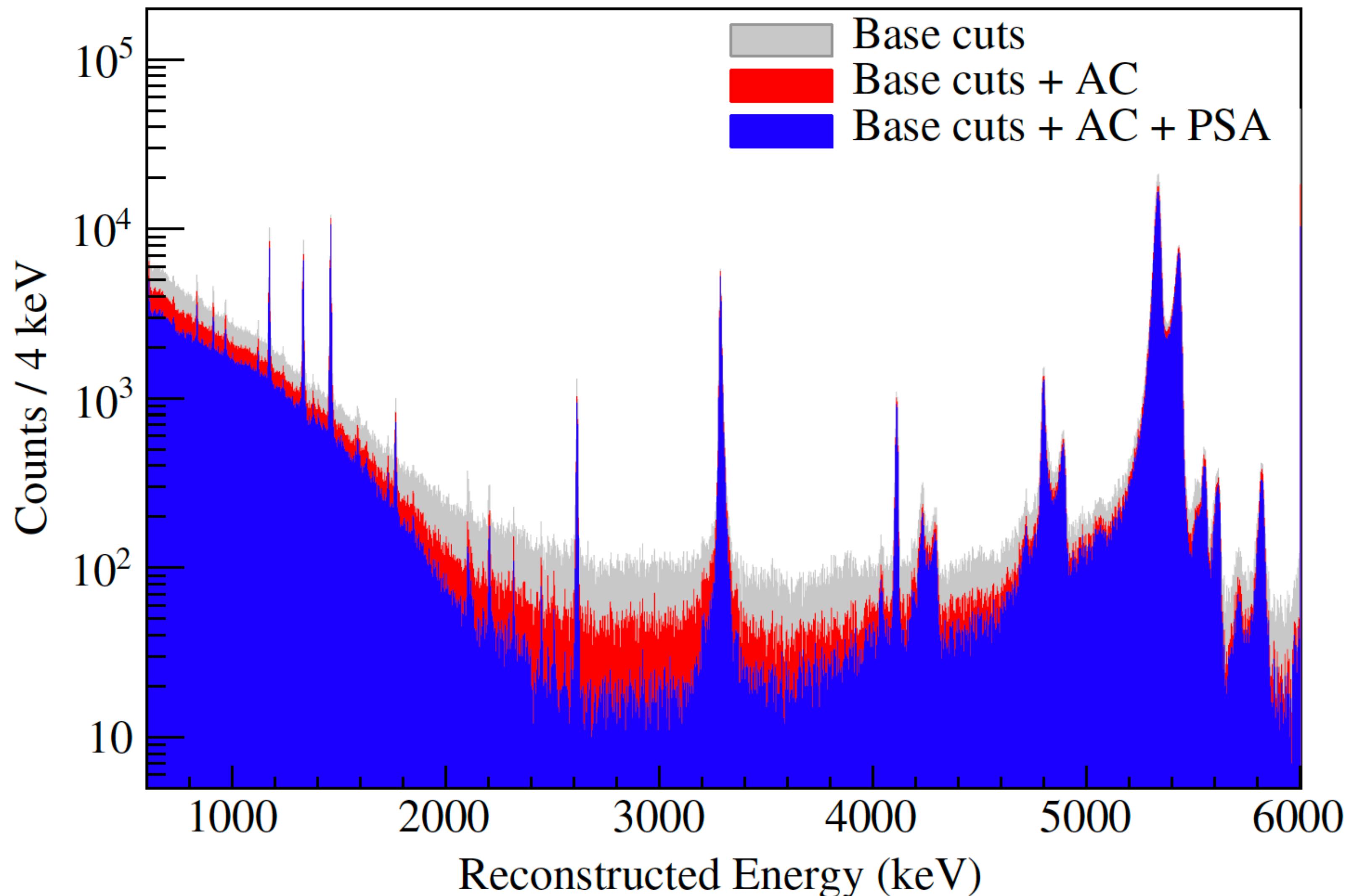
# CUPID Sensitivity



# Mass Measurement Paradigms: Summary

| Method                         | Measurable mass term  | Current limit   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Neutrino oscillations</b>   | $\Delta m_{ij}^2 \equiv m_i^2 - m_j^2$                                | $\Sigma > 98 \text{ meV}(68\text{meV})$<br>for IO(NO)       |
| <b>Beta decay measurements</b> | $m_\beta = \sqrt{ U_{ei} ^2 m_i^2}$                                   | $m_\beta < 1100 \text{ meV}$<br>$\Sigma < 3000 \text{ meV}$ |
| <b>Cosmological models</b>     | $\Sigma = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$  | $\Sigma < 120 \text{ meV}$                                  |
| <b>Double beta decay</b>       | $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \left  \sum_j m_j U_{ej}^2 \right $ |   |

# Spectrum



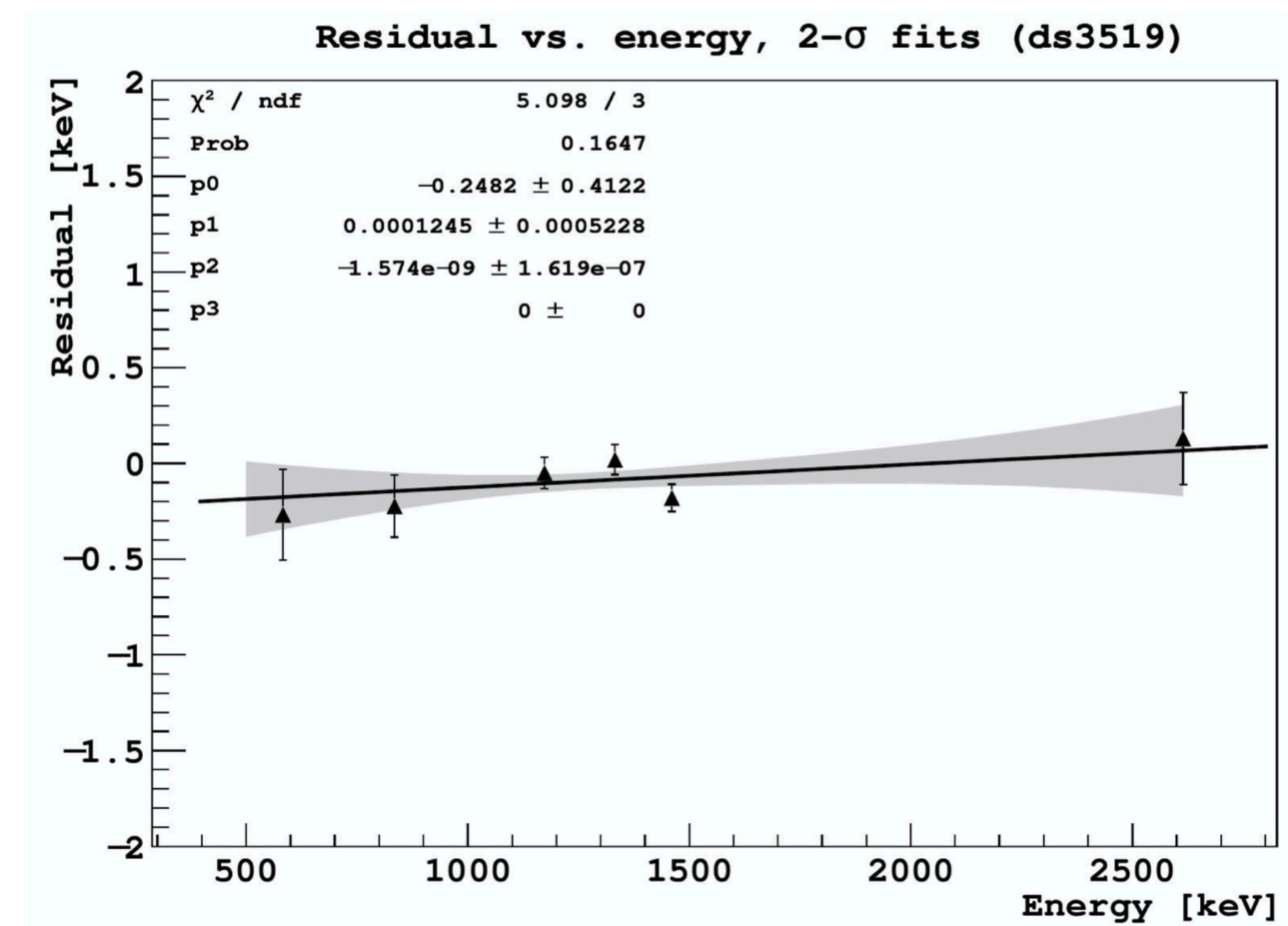
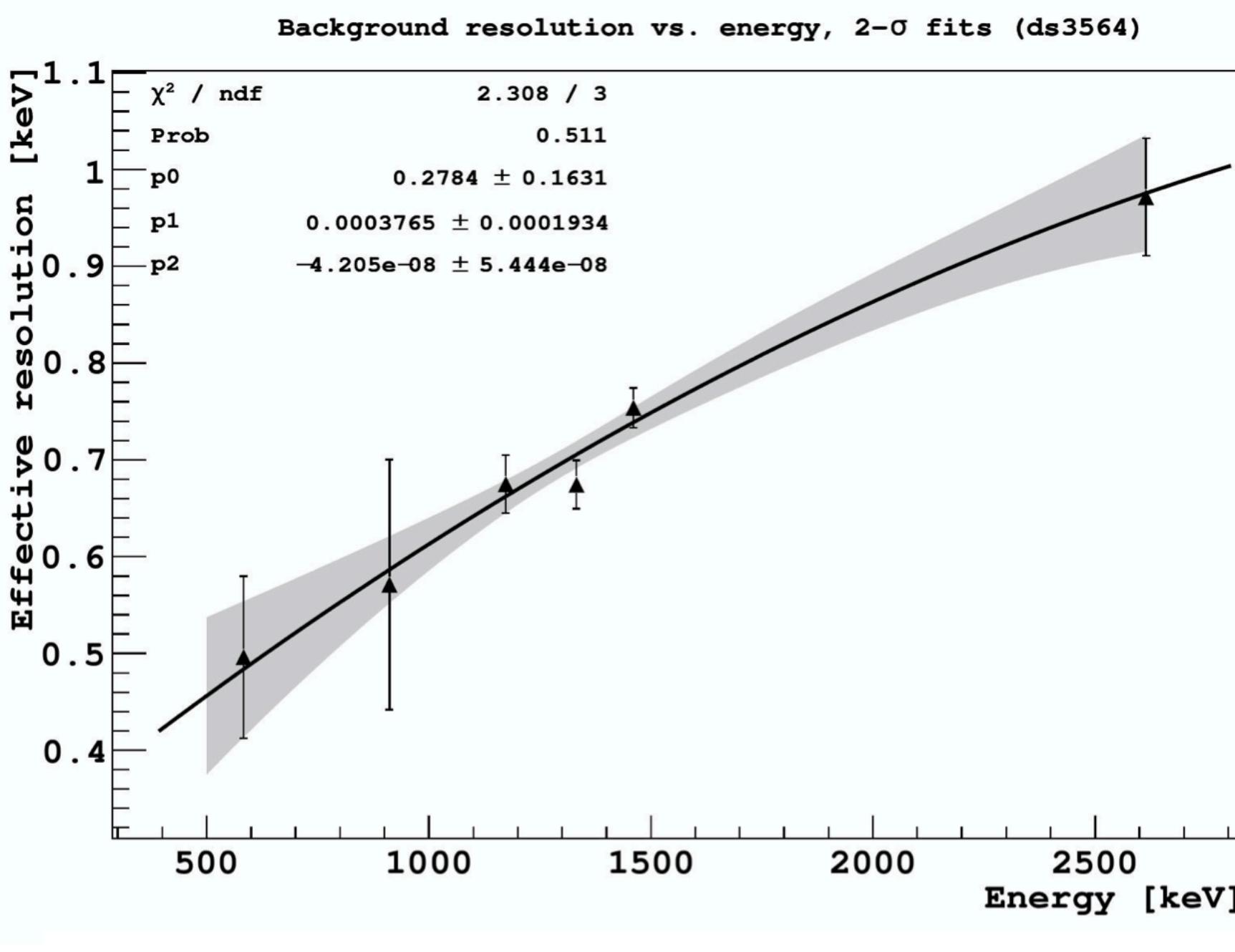
# Line shape fit

## Tower-Dataset Global Parameters

Flat background size  
 Compton background size  
 X-ray Escape and Coincidence peak sizes  
 $2615 - 511 + 583$  peak size and position

## Channel-Dataset-Specific Parameters

Photopeak Q-value  
 Photopeak subpeak sizes and positions  
 Peak resolution ( $\sigma$  used in each Gaussian)



# Cooling power

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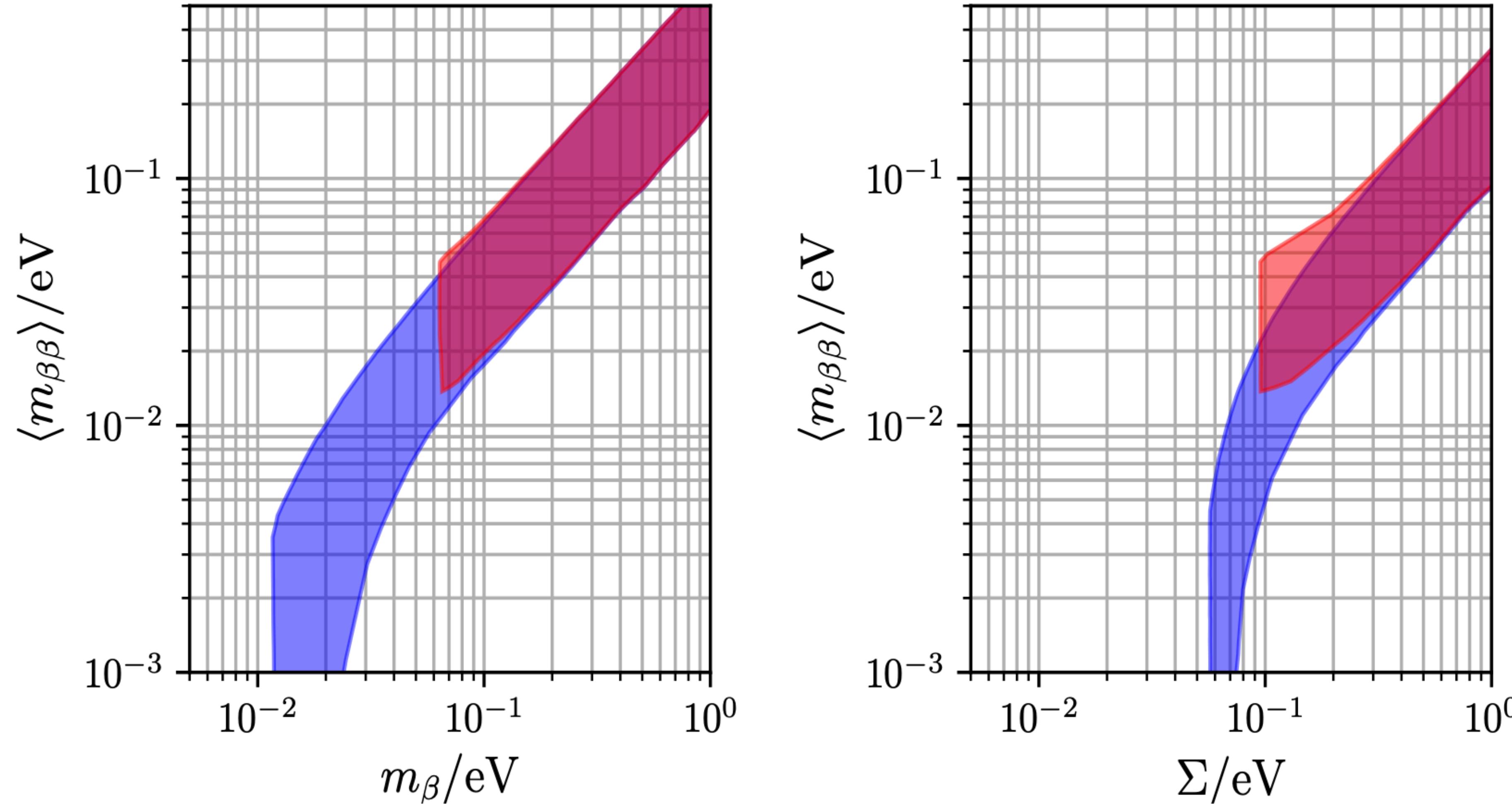
**Table 1**

Cooling power budgeted for the calibration system at all thermal stages of the cryostat.

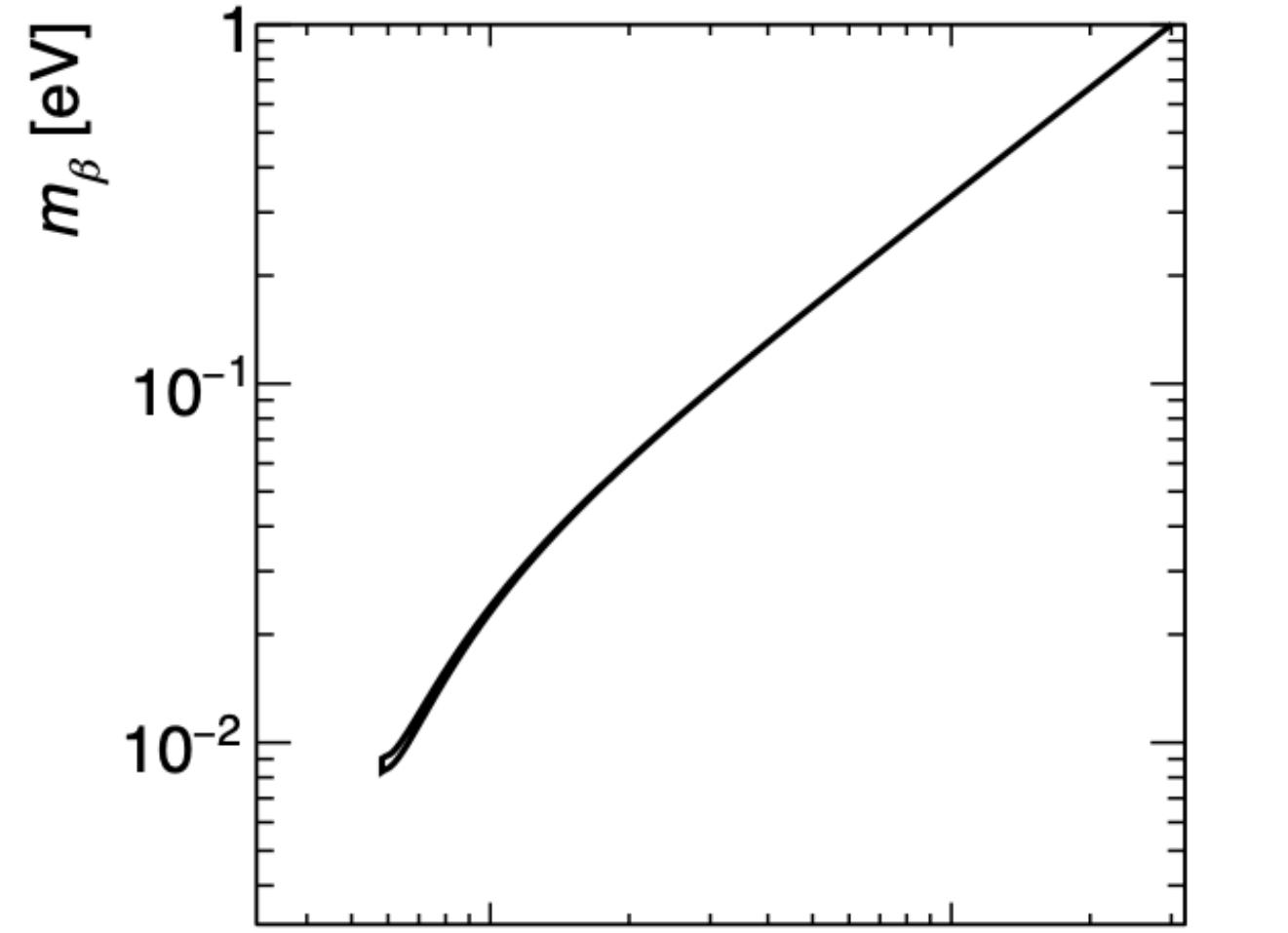
| Thermal stage | Available cooling power |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 40 K          | 1 W                     |
| 4 K           | 300 mW                  |
| 600 mK        | 600 $\mu$ W             |
| 50 mK         | 1 $\mu$ W               |
| 10 mK         | 1 $\mu$ W               |

# Neutrino Masses

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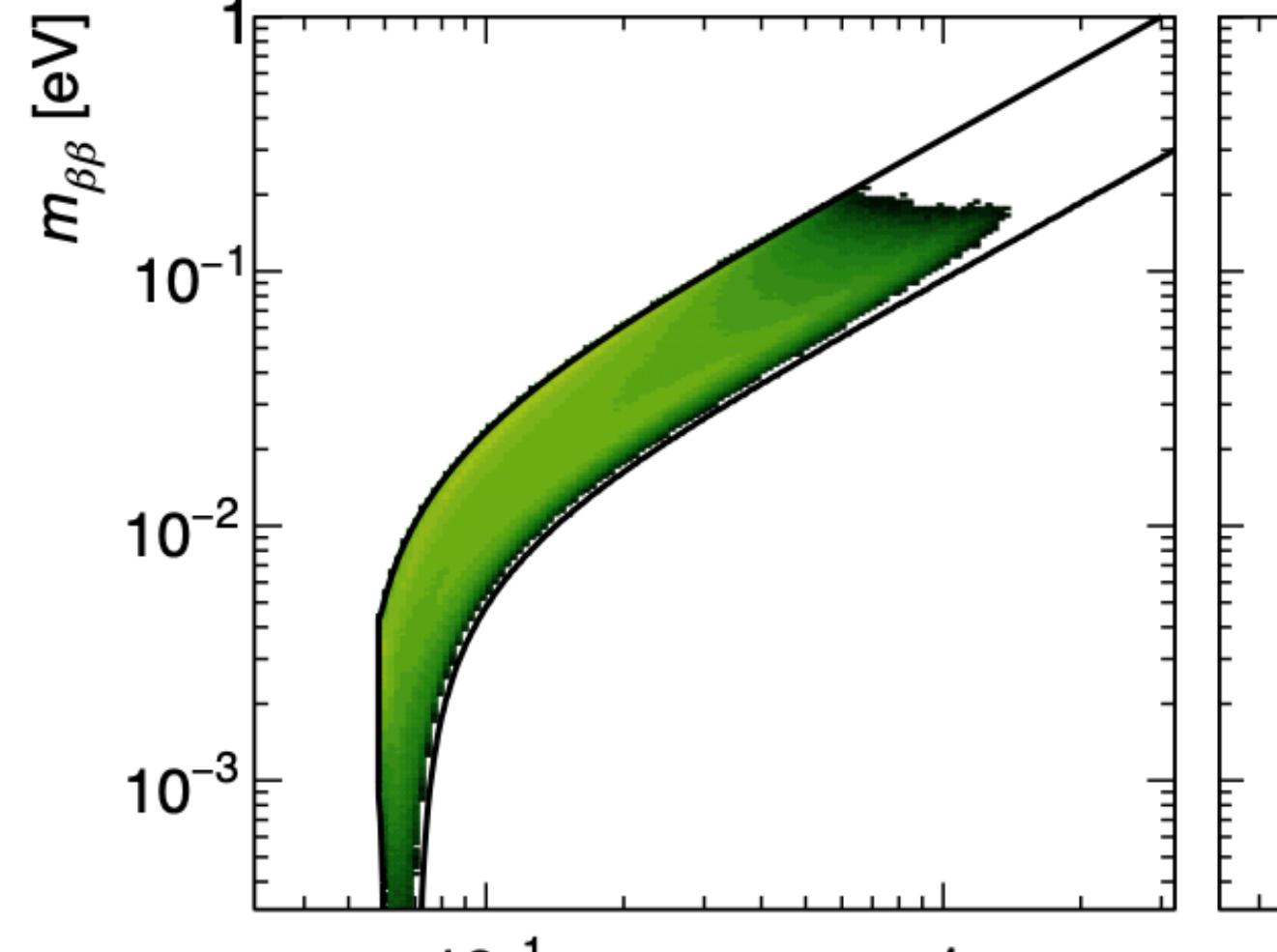


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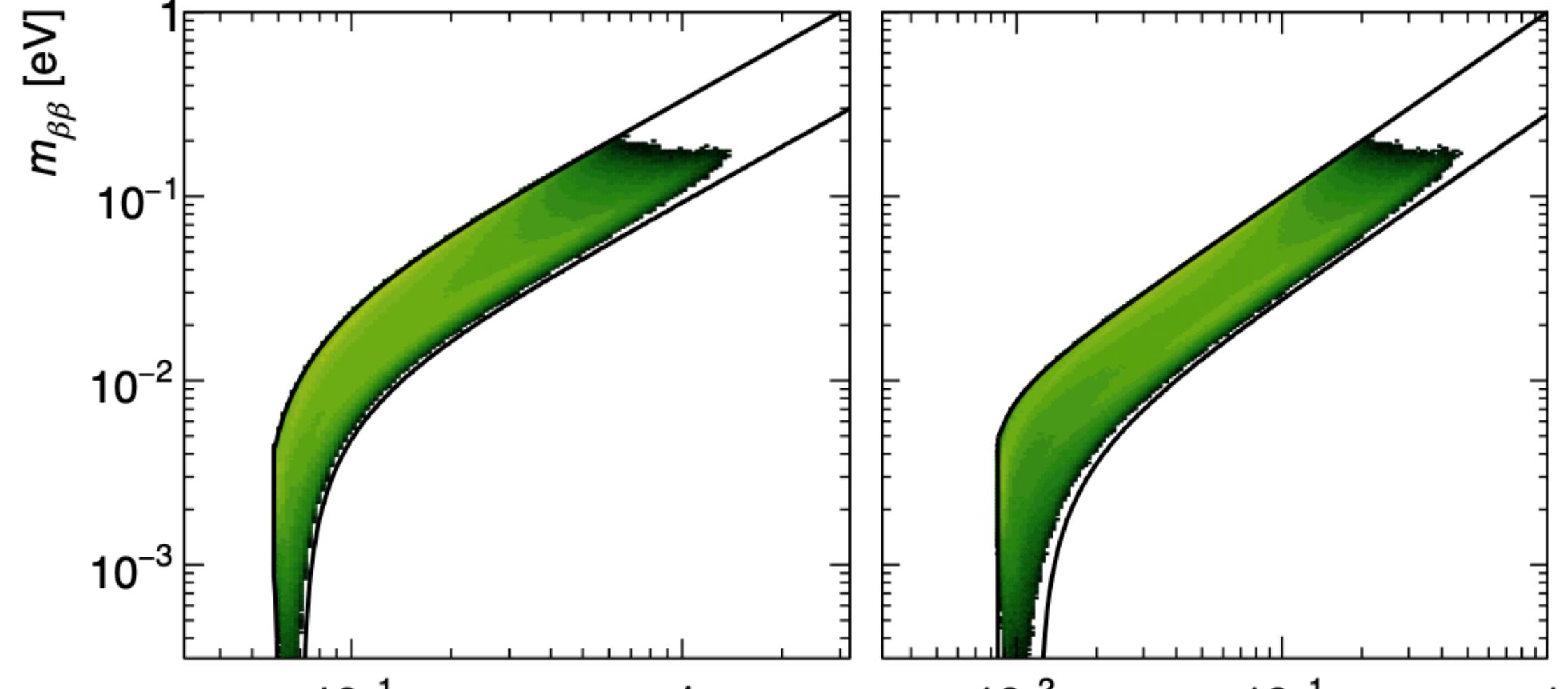


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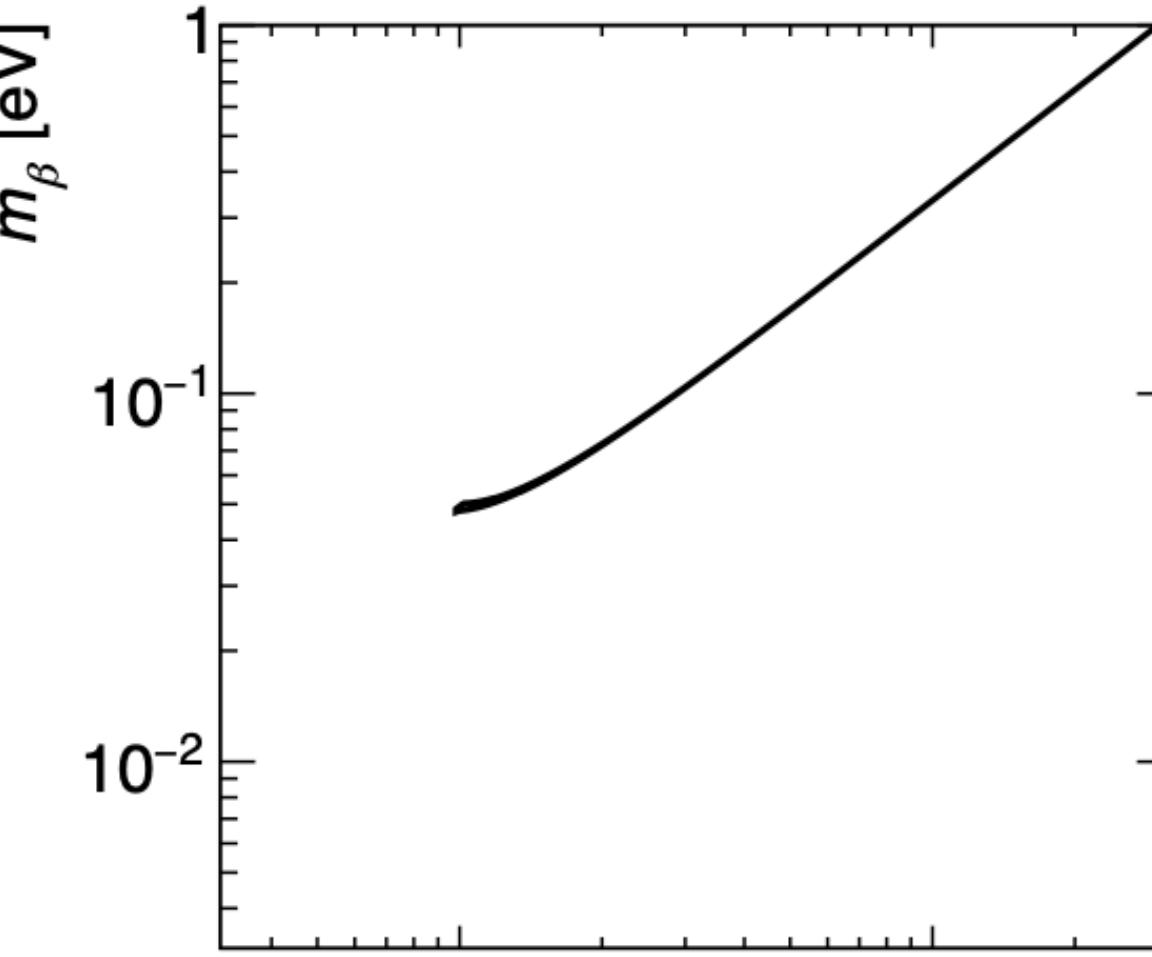
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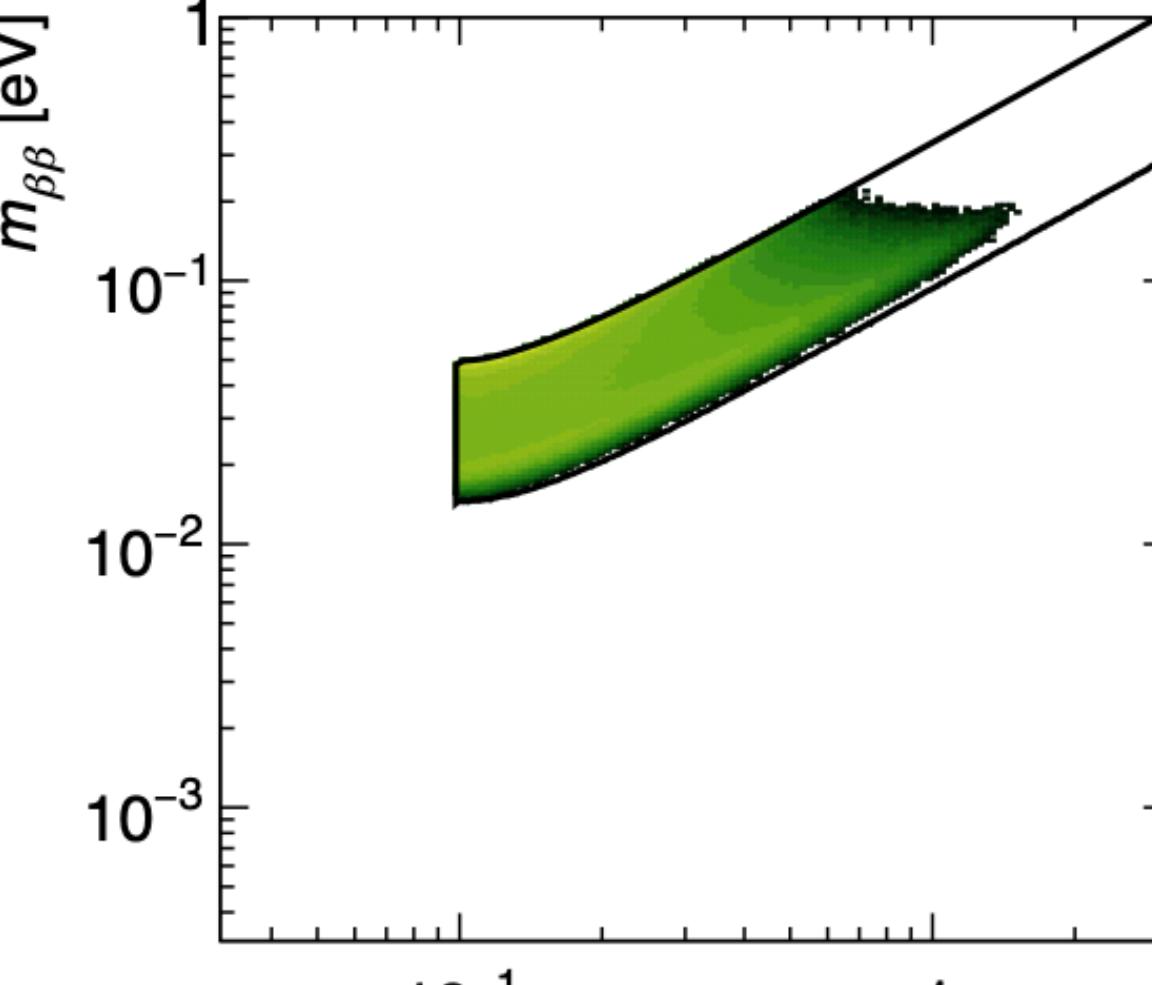
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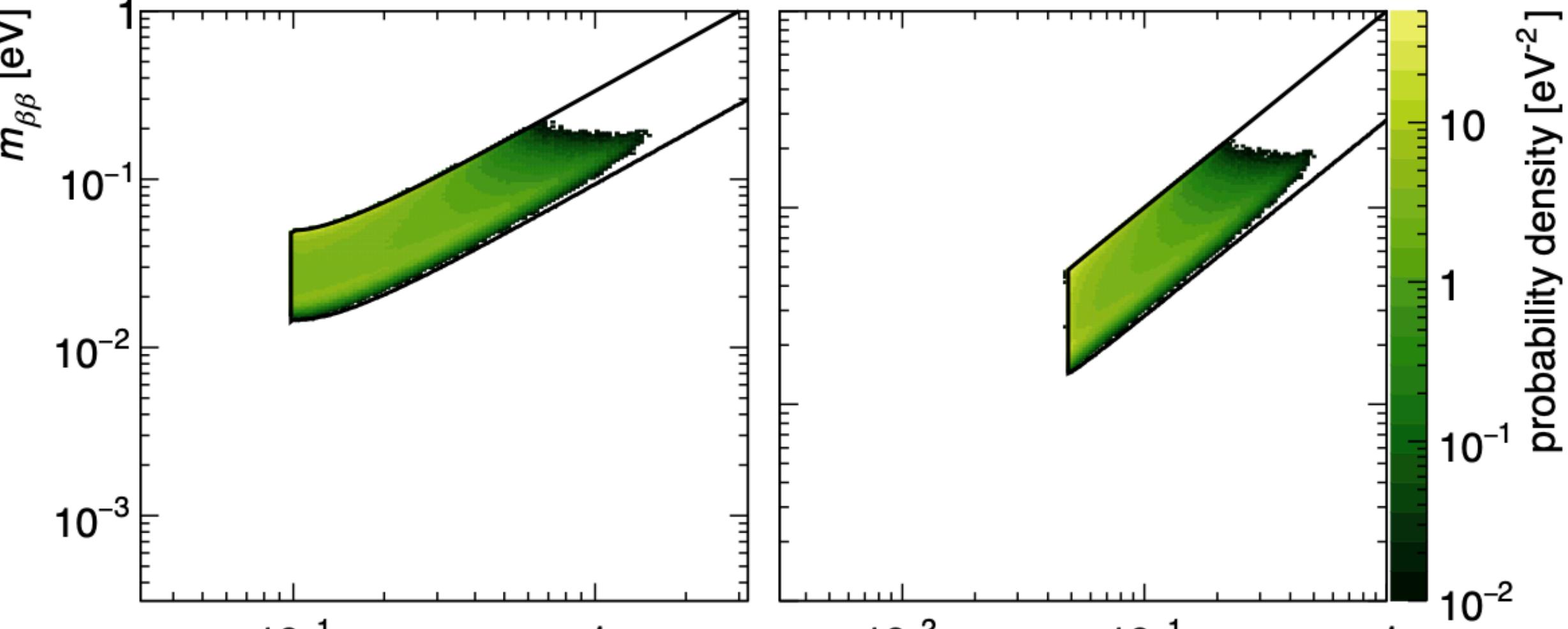
$m_\beta$  [eV]



**IO**



$\Sigma$  [eV]



$m_\beta$  [eV]

# Statistical Test

## Statistical approach to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay search

Bayes theorem:  $P(\vec{\theta}|\vec{E}) = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta})}{\int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) \cdot \pi(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta}}$

Likelihood:  $\mathcal{L}(\vec{E}|\vec{\theta}) = \prod_{\text{dataset channel}} \prod_{\text{event } i} \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n}{n!} \prod_{\text{event } i} \left( \frac{s}{\lambda} \text{pdf}_{0\nu\beta\beta}(E_i|\vec{\theta}) + \frac{c}{\lambda} \text{pdf}_{^{60}\text{Co}}(E_i|\vec{\theta}) + \frac{b}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\Delta E} \right) \right]$

Expectation value:  $\lambda = s + c + b$

Width of fit region:  $\Delta E$

### Systematics implemented as nuisance parameters

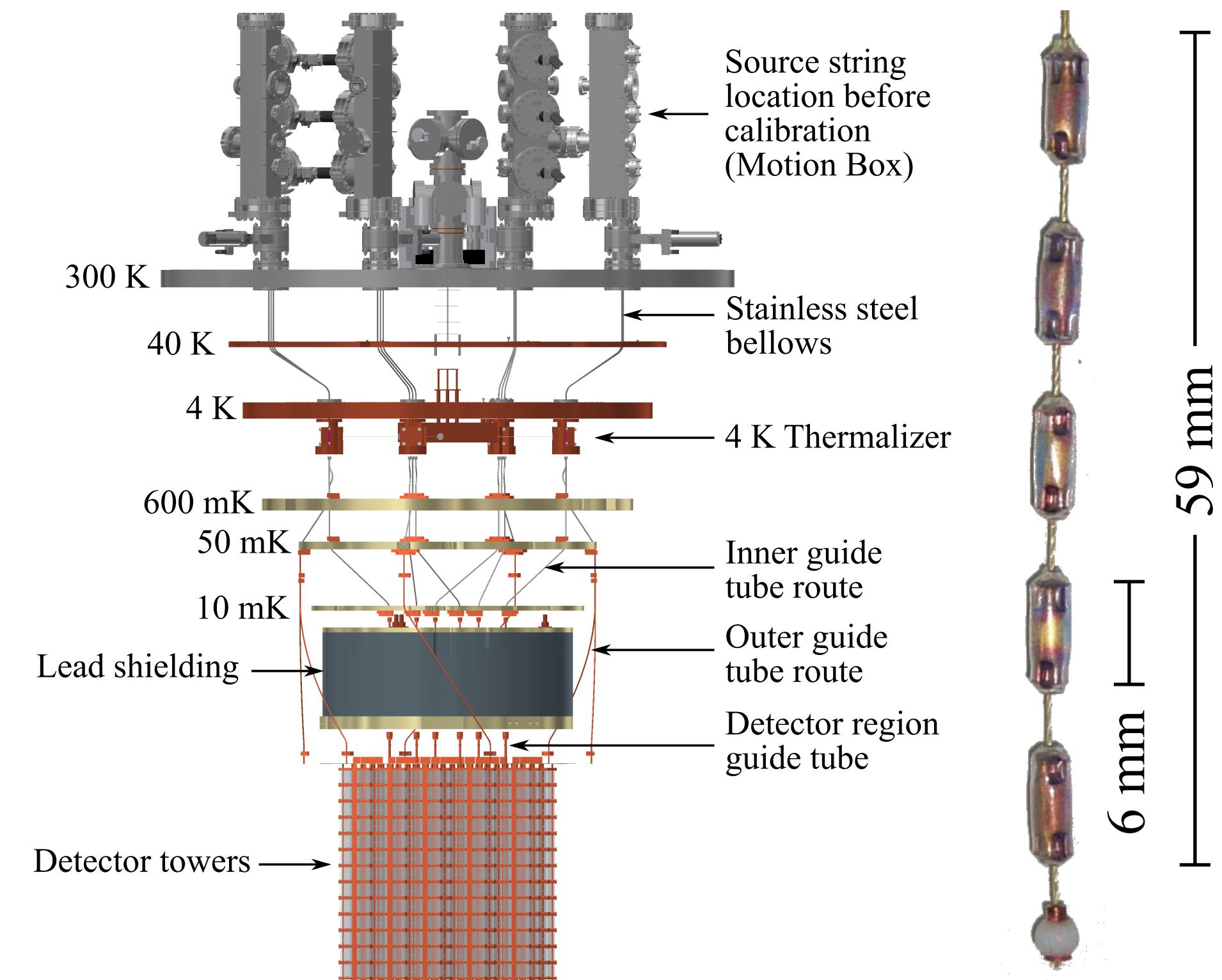
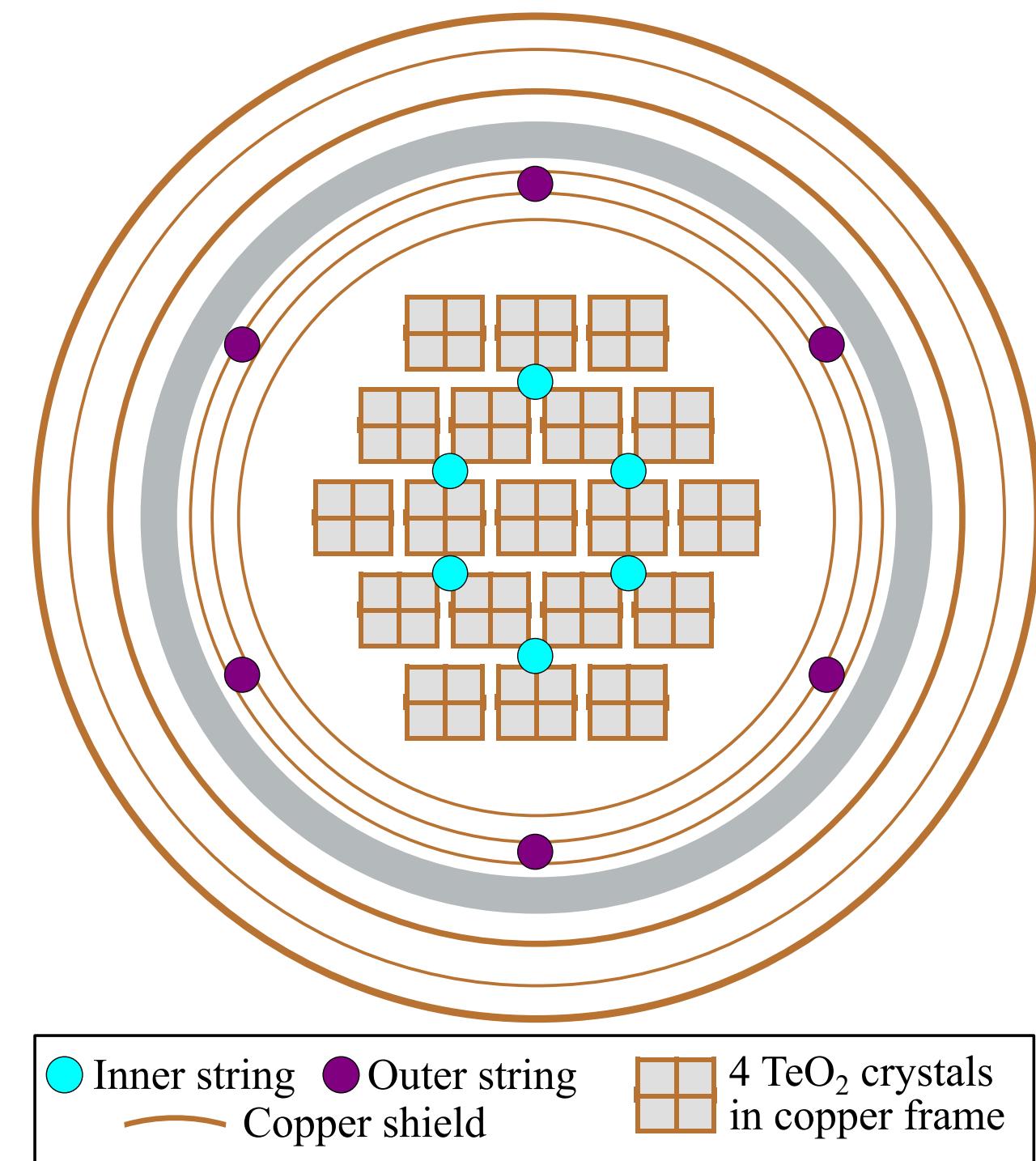
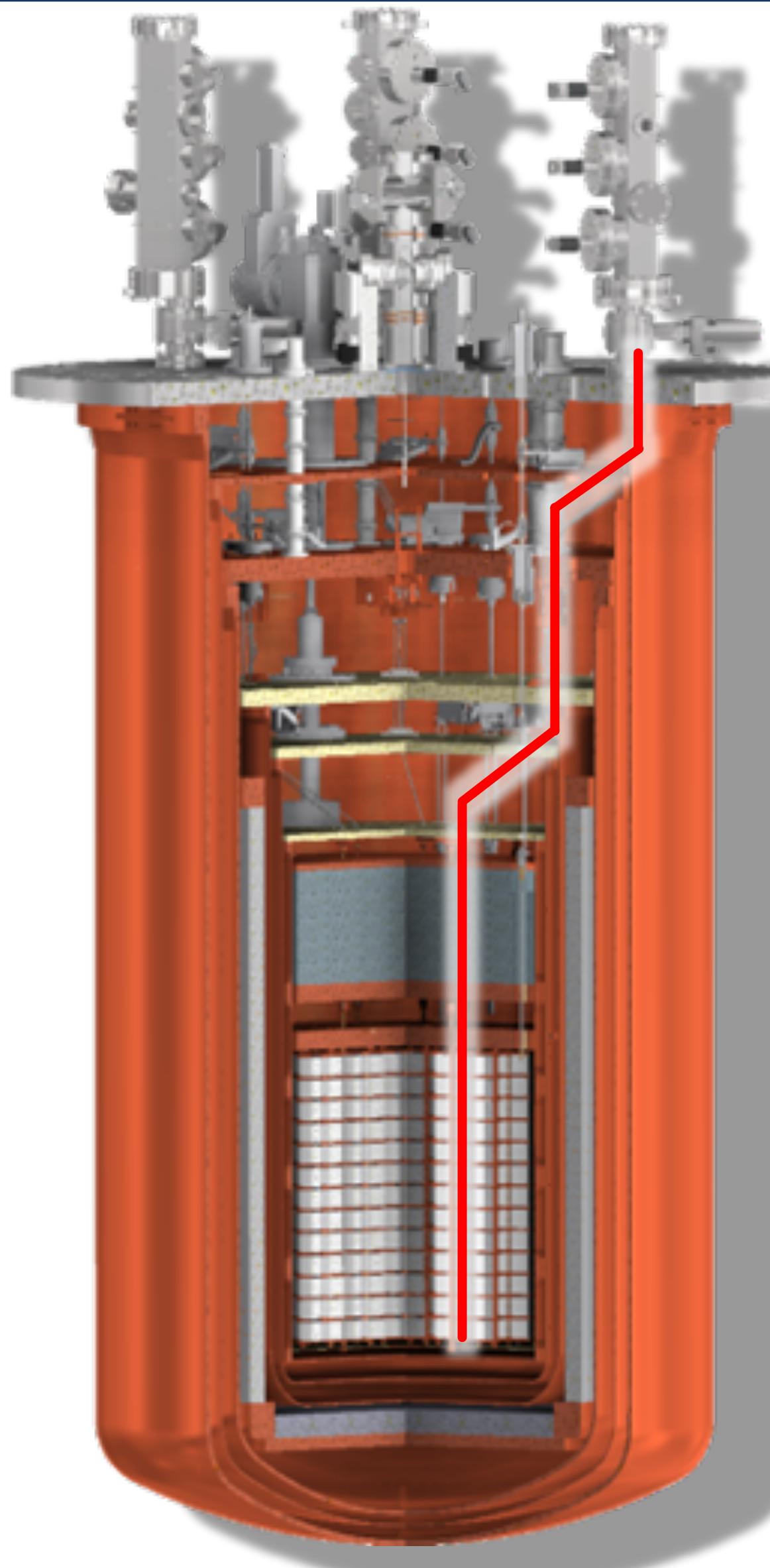
| Parameter   | Dependence | Method  |
|---|------------|---|
| <b>Analysis efficiency I</b>                          | Dataset    | Gaussian  |
| <b>Analysis efficiency II</b>                         | Global     | Flat in [0.993, 1.007] range  |
| <b>Energy bias</b>                                    | Dataset    | Fit residuals of peaks in physics spectrum from literature values with 2 <sup>nd</sup> order polynomial |
| <b>Energy resolution</b>                              | Dataset    | Fit ratio of FWHM in physics and calibration data with 2 <sup>nd</sup> order polynomial                 |
| <b><math>Q_{\beta\beta}</math></b>                    | Global     | Gaussian, 2527.518(13) keV  |
| <b><math>^{130}\text{Te}</math> isotopic fraction</b> | Global     | Gaussian, 34.1668(16)%  |

# Contamination from tower components

| Component                 | Mass [g] | $^{238}\text{U}$ contamination limit |                            | $^{232}\text{Th}$ contamination limit |                            |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                           |          | [g/g]                                | [bolo $^{-1}$ yr $^{-1}$ ] | [g/g]                                 | [bolo $^{-1}$ yr $^{-1}$ ] |
| TeO <sub>2</sub> crystals | 742 000  | $5 \times 10^{-14}$                  | 10                         | $2 \times 10^{-13}$                   | 2000                       |
| Cu structure              | 70 000   | $5 \times 10^{-12}$                  | 100                        | $5 \times 10^{-13}$                   | 500                        |
| PTFE holders              | 5500     | $2 \times 10^{-12}$                  | 4                          | $2 \times 10^{-12}$                   | 100                        |
| Cu-PEN tape               | 3000     | $1 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 100                        | $4 \times 10^{-10}$                   | 20 000                     |
| Ge thermistors            | 42       | $1 \times 10^{-9}$                   | 20                         | $1 \times 10^{-9}$                    | 500                        |
| Si heaters                | 6.8      | $2 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 0.5                        | $8 \times 10^{-11}$                   | 7                          |
| Au bonding wires          | 1.5      | $1 \times 10^{-9}$                   | 0.6                        | $1 \times 10^{-8}$                    | 200                        |
| Glue                      | 0.44     | $8 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 0.1                        | $2 \times 10^{-10}$                   | 1                          |

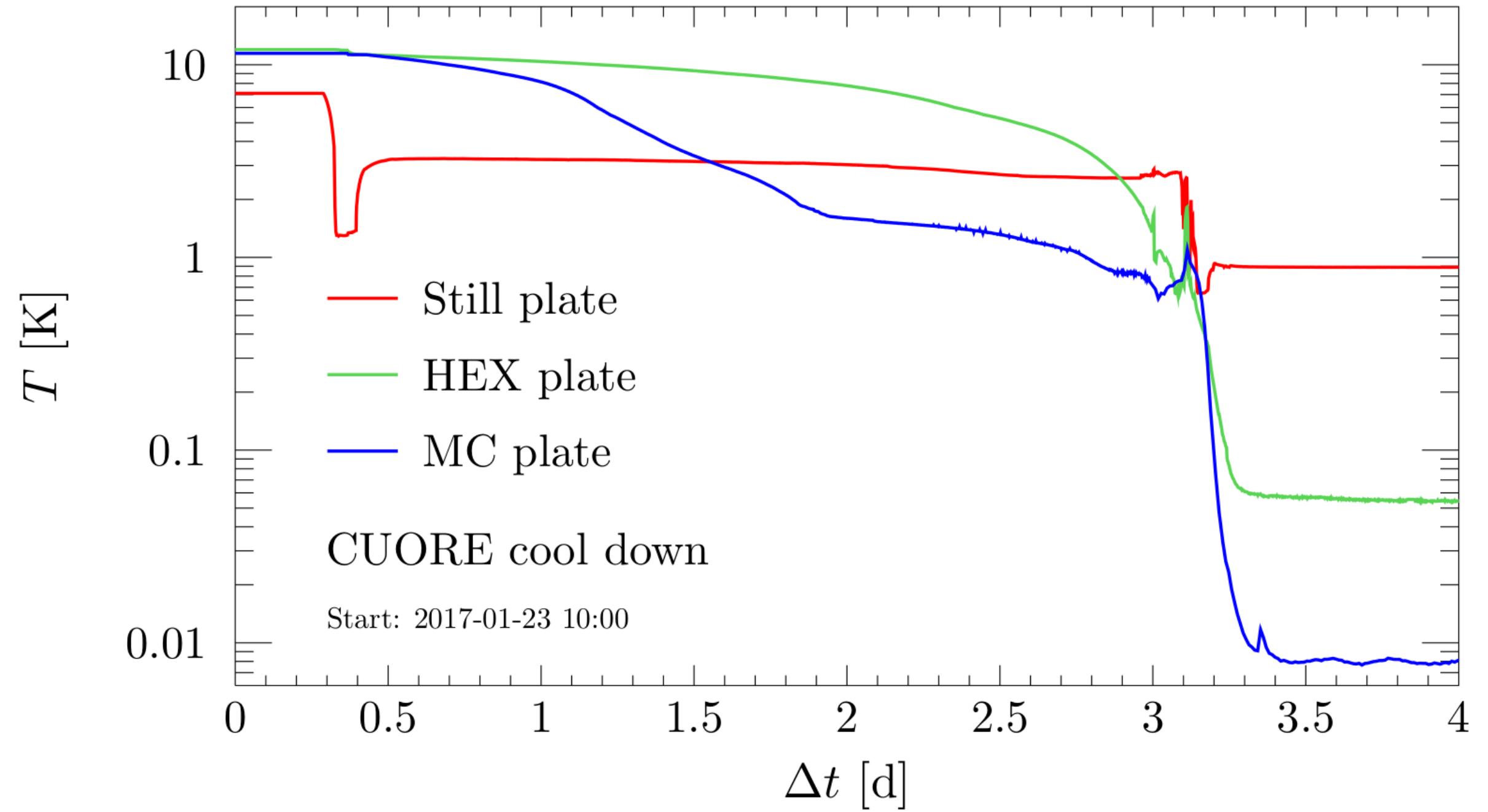
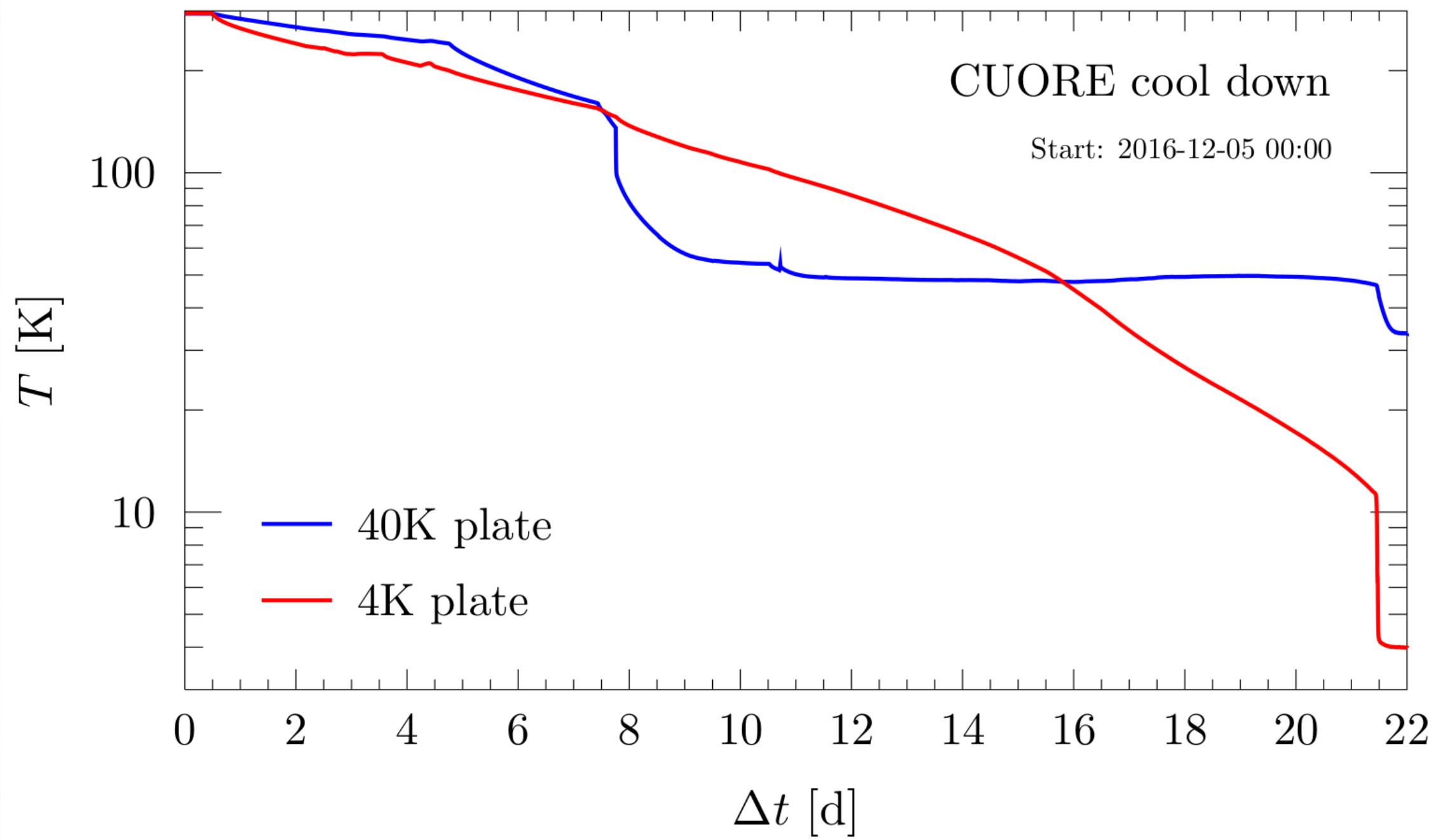
Table 3.1: Masses and upper limits on the bulk contamination levels of the CUORE detector tower components. All contamination data are limits at 90% C.L., expressed in grams of the contaminant per gram of the component and in decays per year per bolometer. Note that this is not a measure of the number of events actually recorded in the bolometers; it is just a metric to compare the magnitude of the possible contaminations, taking into account the different masses of the tower components and two different isotopes.

# Detector Calibration System (DCS)

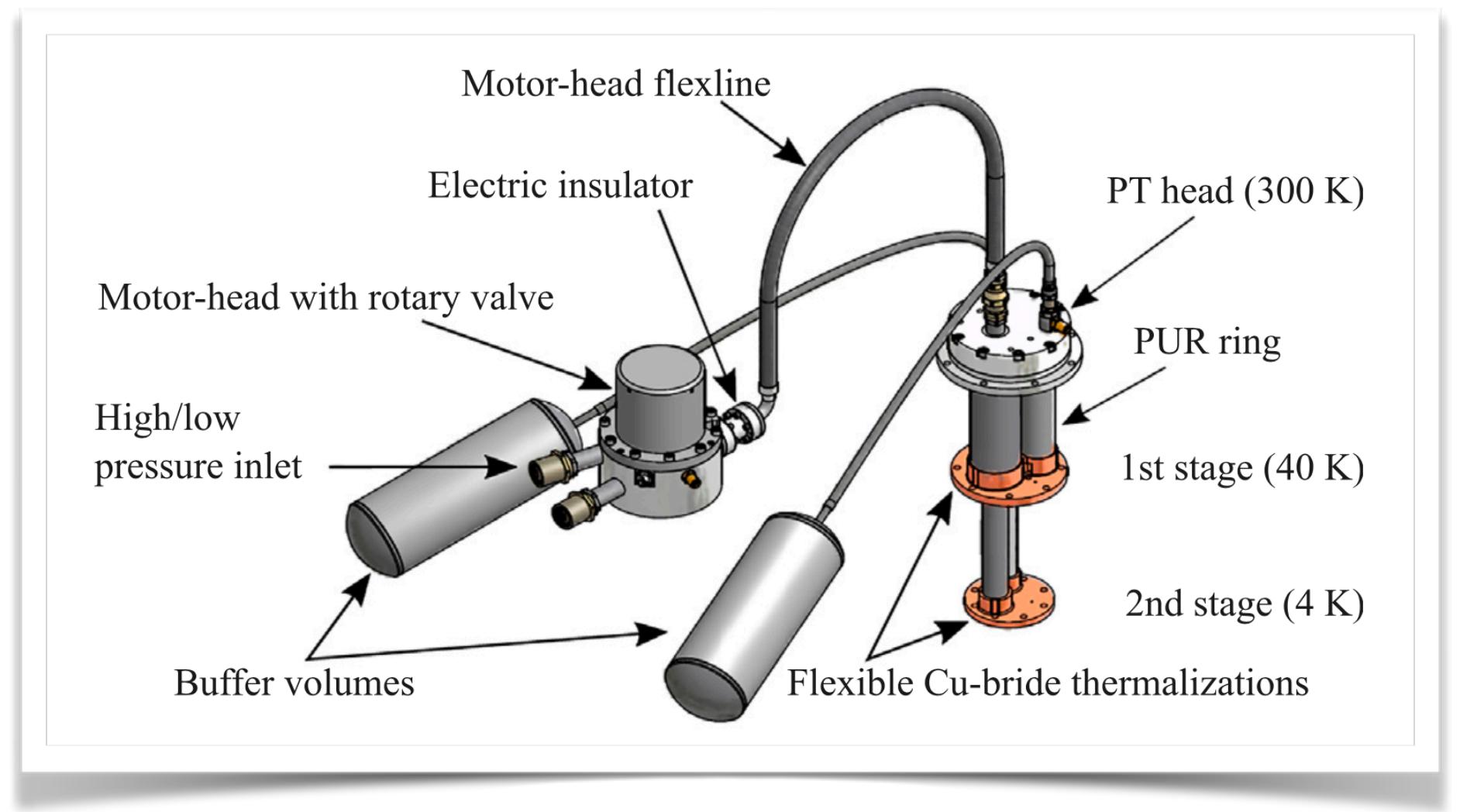


- Six  $^{232}\text{Th}$   $\gamma$  sources radioactive strings reaching down to 10 mK between detector towers

# Cooling



# Pulse tube



# Backgrounds in LNGS

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- $\mu$ 's:  $\sim 3 \times 10^{-8} / (\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2)$
- $\gamma$ 's:  $\sim 0.73 / (\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2)$
- neutrons:  $4 \times 10^{-6} / (\text{s} \cdot \text{cm}^2)$  below 10 MeV

# Posterior

